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I THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INTRODUCTION

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The great challenges facing humanity at the end of this century are the challenges that Unesco must help to address.

For peace to be assured, for the environment to be protected and returned to health, for societies to develop in all parts of the world, it is both vital and urgent that the talents, intelligence and knowledge - in short the heart and mind - of men and women be harnessed and directed towards finding and implementing solutions.

The new Medium-Term Plan developed by Unesco for the 1990s will facilitate this task. The concentration of its activities around a few primary poles represented by major programme areas and transverse themes will extend its range of action. The interdisciplinary and intersectoral nature of the whole Medium-Term Plan, expressed most strikingly in the plan's mobilizing and intersectoral projects, will allow Unesco to act within its spheres of responsibility from a global perspective.

In all its programmes, Unesco calls on the immense resources of the human being, not only to develop the various disciplines of art, science, education and communications, but also to develop the capacity of individual societies to participate in this effort, so that these societies themselves will be better able to identify solutions to the problems confronting them. It is through such intellectual cooperation and international solidarity that the Unesco programme can take shape.

The purpose of the National Commissions for Unesco is "to involve in the activities of the organization the various government departments, services, institutions, organizations and individuals who work for the advancement of education, science, culture and information." It is the responsibility of the commissions, therefore, to extend the influence of Unesco's goals and programmes and to serve as a catalyst for ideas and commitment.

The Canadian Commission for Unesco is involved actively in this endeavour. Whether it be, to take a few examples, by participating in the World Conference on Education for All, by developing Biosphere Reserves, by taking part in organizing a meeting of experts on human rights or a symposium of eminent scientists such as the one on "Science and Culture for the 21st Century: an Agenda for Survival", or by encouraging and coordinating Canadian activities related to the World Decade for Cultural Development, the Canadian Commission furthers our society's participation in Unesco's great project.

Many of the Commission's activities serve to illustrate this point:

The preparation for and the opening months of the International Literacy Year demanded a major effort in the planning, coordination, promotion and development of a great range of activities. The Commission will be playing an active role in the preparation of the National Literacy Action Plan called for by the Unesco programme. The Commission was also very involved in the planning of the important World Conference on Education for All.

Two new biosphere reserves were established in Canada in the period covered by this report: Charlevoix and the Niagara Escarpment.

The Commission participated in the organization of a symposium held in Vancouver on "Science and Culture for the 21st Century: an Agenda for Survival" and took part in its deliberations. The Vancouver Declaration, which emerged from the symposium, will serve as a guide for thought and action. The Commission hosted a meeting of experts to discuss the implementation, in Unesco's fields of competence, of the international covenants on human rights. A methodology was developed to facilitate the collection of information and reports on these agreements.

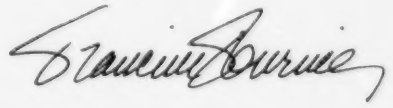
With the support of the Commission, Canadians were enabled to take part in a number of Unesco conferences and experts' meetings, including the "Regional Meeting of Experts to Examine how Women can Exert Influence on Public Authorities and the Decision-Making Process."

The Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development and its steering committee have established Decade guidelines for Canada on the basis of strategies and programmes developed by the Unesco Intergovernmental Committee. Canadian projects for the Decade have been examined and identified. Most notably, the Committee has given its enthusiastic support to the "Encounter Between Two Worlds" and to the hosting by Canada of one of two "Amerindia" conferences.

But without a doubt, the major part of the Commission's effort this year has been directed to preparations for the 25th session of the General Conference of Unesco, and to determining how best to follow-up on decisions taken by that Conference. This work has involved a great deal of sectoral consultation and subsequent debriefing by the Commission in order to advise the Canadian Government on the Draft Third Medium-Term Plan and on the Draft Programme and Budget, and to brief the Canadian delegation.

The Commission is extremely pleased that Canada, represented by Marie Bernard-Meunier, has been elected a member of the Executive Board of Unesco. Canada's aspirations relating to Unesco's fields of competence will thus receive active expression. The election of Canada, represented by Marianne Scott, Director of the National Library, to the Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Programme, together with the presence of Canadian members on the committees on Physical Education and Sport, the Hydrological Programme, Man and the Biosphere, the Promotion of the Return of Cultural Properties to their Countries of Origin, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, World Heritage, and the Geological Correlation Programme all demonstrate Canada's interest in Unesco activities and facilitate Canadian participation.

Finally, the Canadian Commission for Unesco hails the first visit to Canada by the Director-General of Unesco, Federico Mayor. In doing us the honour of participating in our Annual Meeting, Mr. Mayor, emphasizes the importance he attributes to the role of National Commissions. In pursuing the theme of our conference, "Culture, Science and Development: Unesco's Challenges", he addresses the fundamental concerns of the Commission and invites us to share in a global vision of the great questions of our time: to be partners in the universal mission of Unesco.



Francine Fournier
Secretary-General

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MANDATE

The Canadian Commission for Unesco is a Unesco-Canada liaison agency. Its mandate is to coordinate the Unesco programme in Canada and to advise the government in its relations with the Organization. It is a privileged platform for meeting and dialogue between governmental and non-governmental representatives in Unesco's various areas of jurisdiction.

The Commission was created by The Canada Council on the basis of a federal government Order in Council in this regard (See Appendix III). This Order in Council was issued pursuant to the Unesco Constitution, which Canada supported, Article VII of which reads as follows:

"Each Member State shall make such arrangements as suit its particular conditions for the purpose of associating its principal bodies interested in educational, scientific and cultural matters with the work of the Organization, preferably by the formation of a National Commission broadly representative of the Government and such bodies."

The role of Commissions was subsequently defined in the "Charter of National Commissions" adopted by Member States at the 20th Session of the General Conference of Unesco in 1978 (See Appendix I).

The Secretariat of the Canadian Commission for Unesco is a division of The Canada Council. As such, the Commission is included in the Council's Crown Corporation status, which determines its relationship with the Canadian federal government (See Appendix II).

BUDGET

The budget for the Canadian Commission for Unesco is integrated with that of The Canada Council.

For the 1989-1990 fiscal year, the Commission had a budget of $1.3 million (rounded). The budget breaks down as follows: employee salaries and benefits $742,760; general operating expenses $403,000; programme operating expenses $191,000, which includes special allocations ($90,000) to defray costs related to participation by experts in Unesco programme activities.

The Commmission is neither a direct implementation agency nor a granting agency; therefore, personnel expenses incurred in fulfilling its advisory and liaison functions account for a significant proportion of its expenditures (See Appendix V).

III CANADIAN COMMISSION FOR UNESCO ACTIVITIES

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1. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Commission for Unesco met in Ottawa on 22 August 1989, 14 December 1989 and 16 March 1990. At these meetings, the Committee assessed the relations between Unesco and Canada. The representative of the Department of External Affairs and the Secretary-General both addressed this topic. The chairpersons of the sub-commissions and of the advisory committees reported on activities in their areas. The Committee also debated programme questions which do not fall within the jurisdiction of existing subsidiary bodies, including youth, development and human rights. All important questions relating to the activities of the Commission, such as the revision of the Commission's constitution and the World Decade for Cultural Development, were referred to the Committee.

At its meeting of 22 August, the Committee devoted a half-day session on the study of proposals by the membership committee.

Ad hoc Committee on Membership

The Membership Committee met on 31 March, 22 August and 14 December 1989, and on 16 March 1990. The committee was asked by the Executive Committee to prepare proposals on the structure of the membership, on the criteria for admission of new members, on the rights and duties of members, and on related financial questions. The committee studied these questions with reference to subsidiary bodies as well (sub-commissions and advisory committees).

The committee also examined the Constitution and By-laws of the Commission. A final report will be presented to the members in the next few months, for adoption at the 1991 Annual Meeting.

The members of this committee are: Guy Bourgeault (chairperson), Viviane Launay, David Hemphill, Francine Fournier and Louis Patenaude. Mariette Hogue assumed responsibility for research, preparation and follow-up for the meetings.

Nominations Committee

The Executive Committee formed a committee to study the question of nominations for election to vacant posts on the Executive Committee. The Nominations Committee, consisting of Louise Imbeault (chairperson), Lorraine Thorsrud, James M. Harrison and Louis Patenaude, met on 15 and 30 March and drew up a list which was presented to the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting Planning Committee

The Planning Committee for the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Canadian Commission for Unesco met twice: on 22 August and 14 December 1989. The theme for this year's Meeting "Culture, Science and Development", reflects the challenges facing Unesco in the coming years. The Committee decided that the Annual Meeting would be held at the Maison du Citoyen in Hull, from 4 to 6 April 1990. This meeting is exceptional, due to the participation of the Director-General of Unesco, Federico Mayor, who accepted the Commission's invitation to speak at the plenary session on 5 April.

2. COMMISSION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNESCO AND TO THE UNESCO LIAISON OFFICE IN QUEBEC CITY

25th Session of the General Conference of Unesco

As it has in the past, the Canadian Commission for Unesco took an active part in briefing the Canadian delegation to the General Conference. It carried out extensive consultations on the Draft Programme and Budget with Canadian governmental and non-governmental representatives. All of the Commission's subsidiary bodies met for this purpose and appointed numerous government resource persons. Other consultations took place on programmes for which the Commission does not have permanent advisory committees.

Following the provisions set forth by the Charter of National Commissions, the Commission made recommendations to the Department of External Affairs on the composition of the Canadian delegation. It held a meeting of the delegation on 23 August for briefing on the sectoral consultations. The results of these consultations were submitted as recommendations to the Department of External Affairs, which approved them and included them in the instructions to the delegation. A list of the delegates is appended.

Canada made an intervention on most of the items on the agenda. The Canadian candidate to the Executive Board, Marie Bernard-Meunier, Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Delegate of Canada to Unesco was elected with a large majority. Canada was also elected to the Intergovernmental Board of the General Information Programme. The Canadian member on this Board is Marianne Scott, Director of the National Library of Canada.

A debriefing for the General Conference of Unesco (17 October to 16 November 1989) took place on 15 December 1989. The purpose of the meeting was to synthesize the debates of the General Conference, and to take stock of Canada's commitments and expected results. The members of the Executive Committee, the Canadian delegates to the conference and other experts participated. The meeting was chaired by Guy Bourgeault, President of the Canadian Commission for Unesco.

Unesco Executive Board

As mentioned above, Canada was elected to the Executive Board of Unesco at the General Conference in the fall of 1989. Marie Bernard-Meunier, Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Delegate of Canada to Unesco represents Canada on the Executive Board.

The Secretary-General and the Associate Secretary-General were present at the 131st session of the Unesco Executive Board. At this session, Board members undertook a detailed analysis of the Draft Medium-Term Plan submitted by the Director-General. The Board drafted recommendations on the plan which were submitted to the General Conference.

The Board's 133rd session was held on 16 and 17 November 1989, immediately after the General Conference. The members proceeded to elect a president and vice-president for the Board and the Commissions.

Unesco Liaison Office in Quebec City

The Unesco Liaison Office in Quebec City was opened on 18 September 1989. Its mandate is to provide liaison between the Paris Secretariat and Canada and to promote the dissemination of information on Unesco's aims and activities, in cooperation with the Canadian Commission for Unesco. Breda Pavlic is the director of the Office.

The Office was officially opened by: C. L. Sharma, Deputy Director-General for Management, on behalf of the Director-General of Unesco; the Honourable Monique Landry, Canada's Minister of Foreign Relations and International Development; and Paul Gobeil, Quebec's Minister of International Affairs. Each of them spoke at the ceremony. The other speakers were His Worship Jean Pelletier, then Mayor of the City of Quebec; Francine Fournier on behalf of the Canadian Commission for Unesco; and Gil Rémillard, Quebec's Minister of Justice and Minister responsible for Canadian Intergovernmental Affairs.

Also present at the ceremony were: Jean-Paul L'Allier, then co-president of the Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development; Louise Imbeault, member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Commission for Unesco; and Louis Patenaude, Associate Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for Unesco.

Breda Pavlic, Director of the Unesco Liaison Office in Quebec City, held working sessions with the Canadian Commission for Unesco secretariat on 21 and 22 September 1989 and attended the closing session of the Unesco Experts' Meeting on "The Effectiveness of Prevention Campaigns against the Abuse of Drugs", which was held in Ottawa from 18 to 22 September 1989.

Ms. Pavlic visited the Commission secretariat again on 15 and 16 January 1990. She met with the programme officers to familiarize herself with the work of the Commission. The Commission held a reception in her honour on 15 January. The Departments of External Affairs, Indian and Northern Affairs, Communications, the Secretary of State, Parks Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Canada Council were represented.

Francine Fournier and Louis Patenaude met with Ms. Pavlic for consultation in Montreal on 9 February 1990.

On 27 February 1990, Louis Patenaude, Associate Secretary-General, attended the presentation to Unesco (Quebec) of a collection of poems entitled "Nos cris et nos rêves" ("Our cries and our dreams") by students of the diocese of Saint-Hyacinthe. The poems were inspired by the themes of environment and peace. The meeting was chaired by Breda Pavlic.

3. COMMISSION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO

10th Regional Conference of National Commissions for Unesco of the Europe Region*

Guy Bourgeault, President of the Commission, Francine Fournier and Louis Patenaude represented the Canadian Commission at the 10th Regional Conference of National Commissions for Unesco for the Europe Region. The meeting took place in Berlin, German Democratic Republic, from 6 to 15 April 1989. Participants exchanged views on the challenges to be faced by Unesco at this time of change and reform in both administration and programmes. The meeting discussed the Draft Third Medium-Term Plan.

The crucial role of the Commissions in implementing Unesco strategies was stressed once more, and there was discussion of promotional initiatives to be undertaken to increase cooperation in the fields of education and science. Particular emphasis was placed on the need to rethink the role of the social sciences within Unesco. The meeting also reviewed progress on the World Decade for Cultural Development.

Meeting of National Commissions of the Asia-Pacific Region

Mariette Hogue, programme officer for education, represented the Canadian Commission for Unesco as an observer at the meeting of National Commissions of the Asia-Pacific Region, held in Bangkok from 10 to 12 March 1990. The purpose of this meeting was to measure the effects of the conclusions of the World Conference on Education for All, held in Jomtien a few days before. Twenty-four National Commissions of the Asia-Pacific Region participated in this meeting. Eleven observers from National Commissions of the Europe and Africa Regions were also present.

* The Europe region includes East and West Europe, Israel and Canada.

UNA-USA American Panel on Unesco

At the request of the "UNA-USA American Panel on Unesco", the Canadian Commission for Unesco produced a paper on its structure and functioning. This paper discusses the role of National Commissions on the basis of the Canadian Commission's experience, and deals specifically with the following points: the autonomous nature of the Canadian Commission; its means of liaison with the educational, scientific, cultural and communication communities; the strengthening of networks; cooperation among National Commissions; and participation in Unesco programmes.

The results of this analysis were integrated in the American Panel on Unesco Report: "A Forum in Restoration: International Intellectual Cooperation and America's Interests in Unesco."

4. COMMISSION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNESCO'S PROGRAMME

4.1 EDUCATION

The Major programme area dealt with by this Commission is Education and the Future. The sub-programmes are Towards basic education for all; Education for the twenty-first century; Promoting the advancement of education.

25th Session of the General Conference of Unesco

Commission II - Education of the General Conference held its session from 17 to 26 October 1989. The chief spokesperson for education on the Canadian delegation, the Honourable Joel Matheson, Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, Nova Scotia, stated that education is increasingly the major determinant of the economic, cultural and social future of all countries regardless of their stage of development. Canada indicated its support of the dual-track approach proposed for promoting literacy: strengthening and improving elementary education and developing adult education. The delegation emphasized the importance of increasing national capacities for managing and planning education systems, for teacher training and for general access to education of girls and women.

The other members of the delegation were Pierre Lucier, President, Conseil supérieur de l'éducation du Québec, Francis Whyte, Director-General of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, Mary Anderson, Department of the Secretary of State, Joseph Farrell, Chairperson, Sub-Commission on Education and Mariette Hogue, Programme Officer (Education), Canadian Commission for Unesco.

World Conference on Education for All, Jomtien, Thailand, March 5-9, 1990

The preparation for the World Conference on Education for All, organized jointly by Unesco, the United Nations Development Programme, UNICEF and the World Bank, was one of the most important activities of the Education sector this past year.

The Sub-Commission on Education participated in the North-American planning meetings and the regional consultation held in Boston, December 1989. Two other meetings, convened by the President of the Sub-Commission, were held in March 1990 in Ottawa and Toronto, to assist in the formulation of recommendations for the guidance of Canadian participants at the Conference.

During the conference, Canada contributed to the various commissions. In plenary, the head of the Canadian delegation, Lawrence Smith, Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, stressed that education must not only be seen in the context of economic rates of return but that it is a human activity which provides people with the opportunity to develop their intellectual, social and spiritual capacities as persons, and to meet human needs of their families and communities.

The four Canadian interventions underlined the need to recognize the diversity of approaches to education, the validity of traditional knowledge, culture-specific learning and the pivotal role of governments and teachers. All were in agreement that the pressing need for education of women and girls be addressed.

In addition to the Ambassador of Canada in Thailand, Canada was represented by participants from federal government departments, the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, the Canadian Commission for Unesco, Canadian development agencies, educational institutions and non-governmental organizations. A Roundtable on Literacy was organized by the Department of the Secretary of State in collaboration with the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Youth Employment Skills.

Two Canadian groups, the Canadian Organization for Development through Education (CODE) and the Ottawa Learning Centre, presented exhibitions depicting their activities.

At the conclusion of the conference, the participants adopted the Declaration on Education for All and a Plan of Action to Meet Basic Needs. The Declaration calls for a solution to the crisis brought on by the debt and by growing disparities. A solution to this problem would allow all countries to make their educational resources available to all their nationals. The document stresses not just a recommitment to basic education but an "expanded vision" that will remove educational inequality, underlines the relevance of curricula, respect of cultures and the importance to reach out to marginalized groups like displaced families, refugees, minorities.

Intergovernmental Committee on Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS)

Canada was elected to this Committee of 30 Member States by the Unesco General Conference at its 24th session, October 1987. This four-year mandate will terminate in October 1991. Michel Bédard, Director of Fitness Canada, will serve as President and will also act as Director of the Governing Board of the International Fund for the Development of Physical Education and Sport (FIDEPS).

- 28th meeting of the Bureau, Unesco Headquarters Paris, 23-24 January 1990

  Michel Bédard, Director, Fitness Canada and Robert Haines, Director of Education Programmes, Department of Education, Nova Scotia, attended the meeting. The agenda included the follow-up to resolutions adopted by the General Conference, the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport, International Sport Week, support for physical education and sport in the developing countries.

- VII^{e} session of the CIGEPS

  This next session is foreseen for October 1990. Canada has forwarded an invitation to host this meeting in Ottawa.

Unesco Experts Meeting

In order to pursue the exchange of information and experiences, several Canadians were invited by Unesco to participate in experts meetings in education. The following provide examples of meetings attended by Canadians during the past year.

International Congress on Education and Informatics: Strengthening International Co-operation, Paris, 12-21 April 1989

The Congress took stock of experiences acquired by Member States in introducing informatics at different levels of formal and non-formal education. Recommendations were drawn up on how computers could best be used to develop and improve both the educational system and the educational process. Canada was represented by Michael Jeffrey, Curriculum Consultant, Department of Education, Nova Scotia, Pierre Bordeleau, président-directeur général, Centre de recherche sur les applications pédagogiques de l'ordinateur, ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Science Québec, Philippe Marton, Faculté des sciences de l'éducation, Université Laval. On Unesco's invitation, Pierre Yves Maurice, Coordinator of Educational Technologies, Department of Education, Québec presented a discussion paper on the theme "New links between partners in education."

Seminar on Functional Illiteracy in Industrialized Countries, Ottenstein, Austria, 30 May-3 June 1989.

The seminar organized by the Austrian Commission for Unesco dealt with prevailing definitions of functional illiteracy, causes and contributing factors of functional illiteracy, the role of different institutions and strategies for the prevention and the massive reduction of functional illiteracy.

The Canadian participant was Serge Wagner of the Université du Québec à Montréal, who was named rapporteur for this seminar.

Europe Region Workshop on "The Evaluation of Educational Reforms, West Berlin, 12-14 July 1989

Organized jointly by Unesco and the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education, the Workshop reviewed criteria and methodologies used for the systematic evaluation of educational reform policies and strategies in various countries of the Europe region and examined special requirements of

professional networks in relation to those of administrative and political circles.

In his contribution on the evaluational reforms in Canada, Norman Henchey outlined the orientations and approaches of various Canadian evaluation efforts.

Seminar on Evaluation in Educational Policy Planning and Reform, Princeton, New Jersey, 21-22 March 1990

This workshop, organized by the International Association for Educational Assessment under contract with Unesco, dealt with different types of evaluation, strategies and reforms and the purposes of evaluation in education.

The Canadian participants were: Norman Henchey, McGill University, Manuel Crespo, University of Montreal, Stacey Churchill, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and David Robitaille, University of British Columbia.

Meetings of the Sub-Commission on Education

The Steering Committee of the Sub-Commission on Education held a meeting in Toronto, on 26 September 1989.

The Steering Committee held another meeting in Ottawa, on 2 February 1990. The main topics on the agenda were:

- International Literacy Year
- European joint studies
- Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region.

Unesco Educational Institutions

International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)

Jacques Hallak, Director of the International Institute for Educational Planning, visited Ottawa from 26 to 30 June 1989. During his stay he met with representatives of the Department of External Affairs, the Canadian International Development Agency, the International Development Research Centre and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

A volontary contribution of $120 000 was granted by Canada (CIDA) to the IIEP for the 1988-1989 fiscal year. During this same period, the International Development Research Centre collaborated with the IIEP in the organization of a workshop on the study 'Effects of the Literacy Programme in Kenya' and conducted a research project on Technological Development and Educational and Training Policy: the Case of the Computer Industry in Brazil.

International Bureau of Education (IBE)

The 42nd Session of the International Conference on Education will be held in Geneva from 3 to 8 September 1990.

To assist in preparing the working document and the preliminary draft recommendation for this conference, a questionnaire was addressed to all Member States. The Canadian response to the Survey on the Eradication or Massive Reduction of Illiteracy will be submitted to the IBE for consideration during the meeting of experts scheduled for 3 to 6 April 1990 in Geneva.

Unesco Institute for Education, Hamburg (UIE)

- UIE Director

  Paul Bélanger was appointed by the Director-General of Unesco, Federico Mayor, to the position of Director of the Unesco Institute for Education in Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany. Mr. Bélanger, a former member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Commission for Unesco and a past chairperson of the Sub-Commission on Education, assumed his duties on 1 November 1989.

  The UIE, an international centre for research, is best known for its research work on new approaches for the universalization of primary education, on the relevance and balance for general education programmes on illiteracy problems in developing countries and on literacy strategies in industrialized countries.

- Governing Board

  The UIE Board member Glen Eyford, University of Alberta and the alternate member, Serge Wagner, University of Quebec in Montreal, have been following the activities of the Institute during the past year. The 42nd session of the Governing Board is scheduled for June 1990.

Second Interregional Workshop of the European Network on Staff Development in Higher Education, Bucharest, 25-27 September 1989

With the assistance of the Commission, Janet Donald, Director of the Centre for University Teaching and Learning, McGill University, participated in this workshop which was organized by the European Centre for Higher Education. The main purpose of the workshop was to examine methods for strengthening the European regional network and affiliated national networks and the recruitment of university teachers.

European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES)

- Advisory Committee

  The term of office of John S. Daniel, former President of Laurentian University (Sudbury), as a member of the Advisory Committee of CEPES has been extended for a further period of four years, as of 4 September 1989, at the invitation of the Director-General of Unesco.

  The 15th session of the Advisory Committee will be held in September 1990 in Bucharest, Romania.

- Consultation of Liaison Officers

  The Eighth Consultation of Liaison Officers was held in Bucharest, 26-28 June 1989. Eva Egron-Polak, Assistant Director, Academic Relations, International Division, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and Gilles Jasmin, Director, International Liaison, Education Support Sector of the Department of the Secretary of State participated.

  The meeting reviewed regional cooperation in higher education in the Europe region, the implementation of the Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region, the development of the documentation centre of CEPES, and the proposed activities for the 1990-1991 biennium.

International Literacy Year (ILY)

The Canadian Commission for Unesco collaborated actively with Unesco in numerous activities related to the International Literacy Year. An exhaustive list of these activities would be too lengthy to offer in this report.

A Canadian wins the Unesco Poster Contest for ILY

A Canadian art student has won the International Poster Contest for International Literacy Year 1990. Zabelle Côté, 21 years old, originally from Montreal and now studying graphic arts in Switzerland, submitted the design of a character on stilts formed by pencils, suggesting that the ability to read and write gives a person a new perspective on life and the world. The poster issued in the six official languages of Unesco is being distributed free of charge at the national and international levels, thanks to the generosity of CODE (Canadian Organization for Development through Education) and the Department of the Secretary of State.

Among other ILY contributions to Unesco, we acknowledge the funding by the Department of the Secretary of State for the publication of the ILY Guide, and for a film on literacy produced by Radio-Québec.

"ILY Book Voyage"

The launching of Canada's "Book Voyage", organized by the Movement for Canadian Literacy, was held on 25 January 1990, in the West Block of the Parliament Buildings. Literacy learners will write their messages in the Book which will travel from one learner centre to another, from community to community, and from country to country during International Literacy Year.

The President of the Canadian Commission, Guy Bourgeault, addressed the participants, following the Honourable Gerald Weiner, and later presented the official Book to the representative learners from each province and territory. Francine Fournier, Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for Unesco and Mariette Hogue also attended.

Meetings of the UNA Advisory Committee on ILY: participation of the Commission

This committee met twice in the past year. David Walker represented the Commission at the first meeting, held in Toronto on 9 December 1989. At the second meeting, held in Montreal on 26 January 1990, Mariette Hogue gave a presentation outlining the activities planned for ILY by Unesco and the Commission.

Standard-Setting Instruments

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region

Canada has announced the ratification of this instrument. A national information centre will be established to facilitate the implementation of this Convention in Canada.

The Centre will collate information for universities, colleges and professional associations, to help them carry out their responsibility of establishing equivalences for degrees and diplomas. At the same time, the new Centre will be charged with making Canadian degrees and diplomas better known, and will promote their recognition in various countries.

Two planning meetings were held at the offices of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, in December 1989 and in March 1990. The Chairperson of the Sub-Commission on Education, Joseph P. Farrell and Mariette Hogue, Education Programme Officer represented the Commission at these meetings.

Draft Convention concerning Technical and Vocational Education

Meeting of the Unesco Committee of Governmental Experts to prepare a final Draft Convention on Technical and Vocational Education, Paris, 3-7 April 1989

The Canadian representatives to this meeting were Elizabeth Crosthwaite, Assistant Deputy Minister, Skill Training and Apprenticeship, Saskatchewan Education, Gilles Besner, former Chairperson, Sub-Commission on Education, Canadian Commission for Unesco, and Nicole d'Avignon, Coordinator, Post-Secondary Education and Manpower Training, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada Secretariat. Canada contributed extensively to the debates during this meeting; Canada (Elizabeth Crosthwaite) was elected Chair of the Drafting Committee. The final draft of this Convention was adopted by the Unesco Member States at the twenty-fifth session of the Unesco General Conference, October 1989.

Questionnaires

Statistics on Education

Statistics Canada provides Unesco, on a yearly basis, with statistics on education in Canada. The information covers educational financing and expenditures; education at the pre-primary, first and second levels of education; education at the third level.

Fifth Unesco/ECE Joint Meeting on Statistics on Education
Paris, 30 January-2 February 1989

K.K. Campbell, Statistics Canada, Education, Culture and Tourism, and Gilles Jasmin, Secretary of State attended this meeting. Follow-up work has begun and Canada will participate in three working groups on a revised version of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED); on the scope and definition pertaining to the collection of statistics on adult education; and on the methodological problems in education statistics.

Other Activities

A contract in the amount of $12,000 was awarded by Unesco to the Centre international d'études mésologiques (Québec), in July 1989, for the organization of the International Colloquium on the Development of Methods and Techniques for Environmental Education.

An exceptional grant of $7,000 was awarded to the University of Waterloo, by the Canadian Commission for Unesco, for the organization of the Tenth International Conference on Chemical Education which took place at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, 20-25 August 1989.

Visits to Canada

During the past year, members of the Unesco Secretariat have visited Canada. Jacques Hallak, Director of the International Institute for Educational Planning, was mentioned above. In June 1989, Cilla Ungerth-Jolis of the International Literacy Year Secretariat met with representatives of the National Literacy Secretariat of the Secretary of State, of non-governmental organizations working in this area, and of the International Council on Adult Education.

Joseph Lo Bianco, member of the Australian Commission for Unesco visited the Commission on 5 July 1989. He also met with specialists involved in education, literacy, language policy, foreign aid in Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver.

4.2 NATURAL SCIENCES (MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE PROGRAMME)

Introduction

Canada has been participating for several years in a number of intergovernmental programmes of Unesco. Canadian participation is assured by specific organizations: Energy, Mines and Resources Canada supports national involvement in the International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP); Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC); Environment Canada and the National Research Council, the International Hydrological Programme (IHP); and the Commission supports Canadian involvement in the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB). As well, a number of Canadian Universities provide support for staff members who are active on the committees. These bodies operate independently of the Commission (with the exception of MAB, the Canadian Secretariat of which is provided by the Commission); nevertheless, the Commission co-operates with the national committees for each of the programmes and co-ordinates advice to the Canadian Government (Department of External Affairs) on the international science programmes and their budgets.

The International Secretariat for the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) is located in Canada and is housed at Dalhousie University. SCOR is the official scientific advisory body to Unesco's Division of Marine Sciences and to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.

The work of the Unesco Canada/MAB Committee is focussed on sustainable development. MAB activities are interdisciplinary, combining the natural sciences with aspects of human needs and the economy. The committee carries out many of its activities through three working groups: Biosphere Reserves, MAB/Net (Environmental Education, Training and Communications), and the Northern Working Group.

The Commission also cooperates with other natural sciences programmes, notably the Canadian Global Change Programme, a national component of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), which operates out of the Royal Society of Canada.

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Canada was represented at the General Conference by A.J. Naldrett, Professor of Geology at the University of Toronto and Chairman of the International Geological Correlation Programme, Anne Whyte, Director of the Social Sciences Division of the International Development Research Centre and Chairman of the Canada/MAB Committee, and Jim Harrison, geologist and former President of the Canadian Commission for Unesco.

International Meetings of Unesco

Symposium on Man, Science and Society on the Threshold of the Year 2000, Venice, Italy, 5-7 July 1989.

The symposium was organized by the Unesco Regional Office for Science and Technology for Europe (ROSTE). Canada was represented by Ian Burton, Director of the International Federation of Institutes of Advanced Studies (IFIAS), Toronto, who was appointed a member of the Scientific Council of ROSTE in September 1989.

International Unesco Symposium on Science and Culture for the 21st Century: Agenda for Survival, Vancouver, B.C., 10-15 September 1989.

This symposium was a sequel to the symposium held in Venice in 1986 on the theme, "Science and the Limits of Understanding: The Prologue to our Cultural Past", which gave rise to the Venice Declaration.

The Vancouver symposium was organized by Unesco in close cooperation with the Canadian Commission for Unesco and with the participation of the Royal Society of Canada and the University of British Columbia. David Strangway, President of the University of British Columbia, was the host of the symposium. Digby McLaren, President of the Royal Society of Canada, was elected chairman, and Mahdi Elmandjra, President of the International Futurible Association, rapporteur. The Director of Research and Scientific Teaching, V. Zharov, represented the Director-General of Unesco, and E. Hattori of the

Public Relations and Special Events Division was the chief organizer. Twenty-one eminent scholars from 15 countries participated, representing a wide range of disciplines.

The President of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, Guy Bourgeault, gave the welcoming address. At the conclusion of the symposium, the participants signed the Vancouver Declaration, which, in the words of the Director-General of Unesco, "represents an important advance in the enunciation of scientific arguments favouring an integrated approach to the problem of human survival. Growing out of the Venice Declaration of 1986, it proposes a framework for the protection of human life on our planet which is founded on a new vision of the profoundly interdependent world which contemporary science has revealed to us."

The papers prepared by the participants and the proceedings of the symposium are to be published.

Symposium on the State of the Art of Remote Sensing Technologies for Biosphere Studies, Moscow, U.S.S.R., 18-22 September 1989.

Canada was represented at this symposium by Barry Goodison of the Atmospheric Environment Service.

Meetings of Unesco Intergovernmental Committees

The Technical Committee on International Oceanographic Data Exchange and Information Management held its 13th session in New York, from 17 to 24 January 1990. Canada was represented by J. Ron Wilson, Director of the Marine Environmental Data Services Branch, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The meeting established data requirements for the ten-year World Oceans Circulation Experiment (WOCE).

The scientific committee of the International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP) met in Paris from 29 January to 2 February 1990. Ray Price of Geological Survey of Canada was the Canadian representative.

The IGCP Board met in Paris from 5 to 9 February 1990. Tony Naldrett, of the University of Toronto, presided.

The Bureau of the International Coordinating Council for the MAB Programme met in Paris from 6 to 8 February 1990. Following a decision by the Bureau, the establishment of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve was approved on 7 February 1990.

The ninth session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) was held in Paris from 19 to 24 March 1990. Gordon Young of Wilfrid Laurier University (past chairman of IHP), David Daugharty of the University of New Brunswick (Chairman of the Associate Committee on Hydrology) and Bob Halliday (Inland Waters Directorate of Environment Canada) were present to propose Canadian contributions to IHP-IV.

Activities of the Canadian Committees associated with Unesco Intergovernmental Committees

Canada/MAB Committee

- The Canada/MAB Committee held a meeting on 10 January 1990, in Ottawa. The members discussed among other things a national action plan and the choice of new members for the committee.

- An ad hoc meeting of the Canada/MAB Committee was held on 1 February 1990, in Ottawa. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a draft plan for MAB involvement in the Environmental Agenda, being developed by the federal minister of Environment. The meeting focused on sustainable development and partnership, ideas which are central to MAB activities.

Associate Committee for Hydrology (ACH)

- The annual meeting of the National Research Council Associate Committee on Hydrology (ACH) took place in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, on 22 and 23 June 1989. The meeting was chaired by David Daugharty. ACH is the National Committee for the International Hydrological Programme, with the corresponding secretariat located in the Inland Waters Directorate of Environment Canada.

- A meeting of the executive committee of the ACH was held in Hull, Quebec on 27 November 1989. Among other items, the committee reviewed the Canadian Flood Guide.

- The Sub-committee on International Affairs for ACH held a meeting on 8 February 1990, in Waterloo, Ontario. The meeting included discussions of Unesco activities and Global Change. At this meeting, decisions were made on the form of Canadian participation in the various project areas of IHP-IV. The sub-committee also agreed to support an exploration of common activities between IHP and MAB in Canada.

Canadian Committee of the International Geological Correlation Programme (IGCP)

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Canadian national committee for the IGCP was held at the University of Toronto on 13 March 1990 under the chairmanship of A.J. Naldrett. Topics of discussion included the February IGCP meeting in Paris, Canadian projects and funding.

Unesco Experts Meetings

A Canada MAB/Net Workshop on Computer Networking for Environmental Education was held in Kelowna, British Columbia, 14-17 July 1989. It was hosted by the Simon Fraser University, Telelearning Centre. There were twelve participants and two facilitators.

A Workshop on Coastal and Marine Biophere Reserves was held in Toronto, Ontario, 8 August 1989. The workshop was hosted by the American Institute of Biological Sciences. The participants included members of the U.S./MAB Committee, Dawn Conway of the Canada/MAB Committee and Jane Robertson of Unesco's Division of Ecological Sciences.

The Group of Experts on Standards and Reference Materials (Oceanography) held its 2nd session in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from 22 - 25 January 1990.

Other Activities

In December, comments were requested from a few specialists, by the Canadian Commission for Unesco, to provide a Canadian response to activities of the Regional Office for Science and Technology for Europe.

Consultations were initiated in January, to gather ideas on the formation of an Advisory Committee on Natural Sciences for the Canadian Commission. Secretaries of Canadian national committees for IGCP, IHP, MAB, as well as Canadian representatives of the International Oceanographic Commission (IOC) met on 5 March 1990 to outline objectives for the new advisory committee.

Visits to Canada

Killiki Kauppinen, Coordinator of MAB Northern Science Network visited the Commission on 19-21 September and co-edited the MAB Northern Sciences Newsletter with Dawn Conway. This publication was distributed internationally.

Publications

Canada/MAB Report no. 21. Community-based Resource Management in Canada, was published in July 1989.

In January 1990, the secretariat of MAB/Canada published Issue No. 1 of a Newsletter on "Biosphere Reserves in Canada."

A 1990 edition of the Canadian brochure on "Biosphere Reserves" was published in March.

Special Event

Inauguration of the Charlevoix Biosphere Reserve

On 26 July 1989, in Baie Saint-Paul, Quebec, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, unveiled a plaque for the inauguration of the 448,000 hectare Charlevoix Biosphere Reserve. In his address, the Prime Minister said "We have forever shared this secret with our fellow-countrymen, and now thanks to Unesco, we reveal it to the rest of the world." Also present at the ceremony were Gil Rémillard, Minister of Justice for Quebec; Guy Bourgeault, President of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, regional government prefects, mayors and presidents of local organizations, all of whom provided support and may share in the credit for developing the country's fifth biosphere reserve.

Commission Staff Activities

On 14 July 1989, Dawn Conway had a series of meetings in Vancouver to arrange for the logistics and raise funds for the International Unesco Symposium on Science and Culture for the 21st Century: Agenda for Survival, which was held in Vancouver, 10-15 September 1989, and in which both Francine Fournier and Dawn Conway participated.

Dawn Conway, Programme Officer for Natural Sciences, left the Commission on 29 September 1989 and was replaced by James Birtch of Environment Canada whose services are loaned to the Commission until 25 May 1990.

Dawn Conway, formerly of the Commission and Richard Bill, of Environment Canada, attended the science session of the Unesco General Conference, from 30 October to 10 November, as advisors to the Canadian delegation.

On 21 November 1989, James Birtch met with personnel of the Sustainable Development Branch of Environment Canada, to discuss project opportunities in Biosphere Reserves.

On 22 November 1989, James Birtch met with staff from the Canadian Nature Federation, to have Biosphere Reserves included in a formative document which they are producing for the Ministers' Advisory Council on Protected Areas.

James Birtch participated in the meeting of the Sub-committee on International Affairs of the Associate Committee on Hydrology, held in Waterloo, Ontario, 8 February 1990.

4.3 SOCIAL SCIENCES, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH

Introduction

There has been discussion on the role that the Social Sciences play within Unesco on many occasions in the course of the year. The importance of this role has been reiterated at such Unesco meetings as the 10th Regional Conference of National Commissions for Unesco of the Europe Region and the 25th General Conference. The in-depth study on "The role of the social and human sciences in Unesco" prepared by the Executive Board of Unesco was discussed at the 131st session of the Executive Board. This will no doubt contribute to greater multidisciplinarity and collaboration between the sectors.

Recognizing that young people play an important role in their society and the particular challenges which they face, Unesco has enhanced the importance it has always placed on youth by making it a transverse theme in the Third Medium-Term Plan, thus integrating activities relating to young people in all the major programme areas, and creating a mobilizing project entitled "Youth shaping the future."

Linda Allain, Programme Officer for Communication, Human Rights, Status of Women, International Development and Youth assumes the responsibilities for the Social Sciences sector as of 23 November 1989.

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Social Sciences

Lorne J. Tepperman, professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, and president of the Canadian Commission's Advisory Committee on Social Sciences, was the spokesperson for the Canadian Delegation for the Social Sciences programme.

The following are some of the points made by the Canadian Delegation in its intervention:

- expression of great support for the strengthening of the social and human sciences in the Unesco programme, as every aspect of Unesco's work has an impact on society and should serve the needs of society;

- request that the vocabulary utilized by Unesco become more focused;

- expression of support for the concept of an international network for monitoring social change as well as for the proposed European Social Science Conference;

- presentation of a Draft Resolution proposing modification of the title of the Major Programme Area "Man and Society in a Changing World" * based on the rationale that language shapes the way reality is perceived.

* This Draft Resolution was adopted and the modified title for Major Programme Area V now reads: "The Social and Human Sciences in a Changing World."

International Development

Viviane Launay, Vice-president of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, was the spokesperson for Canada for this programme.

The following are some of the points made by the Canadian Delegation in its intervention:

- expression of strong support for Unesco's efforts in the attempt to reduce the ever-growing gap which exists between industrialized and developing countries;

- recognition of the importance in development planning of reliable primary data, and the suggestion that Unesco focus on strengthening data collection mechanisms;

- suggestion that Unesco assume the role of clearing-house to provide wider dissemination of the many studies undertaken throughout the world;

- expression of strong support for Unesco's recognition of the important role women play in the development process, and the suggestion that Unesco make an effort to collect gender disaggregated data so that this particular role can be made more visible;

- presentation of a Draft Resolution* proposing the incorporation of the notion of "operational planning" in the section entitled Prospective Development Studies which would place greater emphasis on the implementation stage of development projects and programmes.

* The Draft Resolution was approved by the General Conference.

Youth

Viviane Launay was the Canadian spokesperson for the section on "Youth."

The following are some of the points made by the Canadian Delegation in its intervention:

- expression of strong support for the importance that Unesco attributes to youth issues. The creation of the transverse theme and the mobilizing project devoted to youth were praised;

- request that young people play a more visible role in the implementation and evaluation of activities designed for them;

- recognition that a distinction between young girls or young women and young boys or young men be made since these groupings have different needs. The Unesco programme should attempt to respond to these needs;

- indication of Canadian interest in participating in certain programme activities;

- expression of support for the efforts made by Unesco in encouraging young people in participating in the World Decade for Cultural Development, and in assuring a follow-up to International Literacy Year.

Experts Meetings

Unesco Meeting of Experts on Efficiency of Prevention Campaigns Against the Abuse of Drugs, Ottawa, 18-22 September 1989

Organized by Unesco in cooperation with Health and Welfare Canada and the Canadian Commission for Unesco, this meeting was attended by 17 participants and 12 observers from Europe, the U.S.A. and Canada. Peter Conley, Chief, Alcohol and Drugs Unit, Health and Welfare Canada, was elected President. The emphasis was placed on prevention,

information and training. Themes such as: campaign objectives, methodology of campaign preparation and evaluation, and campaign implementation were discussed.

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Social Sciences

The Advisory Committee on Social Sciences met on 19 January 1990 in Ottawa. Among the subjects discussed were the composition of the committee and the identification of activities in which it would like to participate for the biennium 1990-1991. The president also reported on the General Conference of Unesco.

Consultations in preparation for the General Conference

A consultation in the area of Social and Human Sciences was held on 6 July 1989. Approximately 10 people participated. The Advisory Committee on Social Sciences consulted with governmental experts.

A consultation on Youth issues was held on 3 August 1989. Approximately 15 people, from a variety of backgrounds (government, non-governmental organizations, youth associations) participated in the consultation.

A consultation in the area of International Development was held on 10 August 1989. Participants in this consultation were from the field of international development.

Visits to Canada

Bernd Hamm, Chairman of the Social Sciences Advisory Committee of the National Commission for Unesco of the Federal Republic of Germany visited his Canadian counterpart Lorne J. Tepperman in Toronto in preparation for the General Conference, on 13 September 1989. He also met with the Secretary-General, the Associate Secretary-General and the Programme Officer for Social Sciences of the Canadian Commission for Unesco in Ottawa.

Vladimir Kolybine, Madeleine Brigaud-Robert, Carmen Negrin and Breda Pavlic of Unesco attended the Unesco meeting of Experts on the Efficiency of Prevention Campaigns Against the Abuse of Drugs in Ottawa, 18-22 September 1989.

Training Courses

Two young Canadians, Michèle Parent and John Zvonar both of Ottawa, participated in a month-long introductory practicum on archaeological excavation, under the sponsorship of the Swiss National Commission for Unesco, in Fribourg Switzerland, in September 1989.

Other Activities

The Commission collaborated on the "International Conference on the Future of the United Nations", which was held in Ottawa, 5 - 7 January 1990. Participants came from Canadian, American, European, Latin American, African and Asian universities, as well as government departments from a variety of countries, UN agencies, the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, the North-South Institute, the Ford Foundation and others.

Publications

"Human Dimensions of Global Change" by Canadians Ian Burton and Peter Timmerman appeared in the International Social Science Journal (published by Unesco) no. 121, August 1989, an issue dedicated to the theme "Reconciling the Sociosphere and the Biosphere".

Another Canadian contribution to the International Social Science Journal No. 122, November 1989, was made by Alain-G. Gagnon, associate professor at the Department of Political Science, McGill University. His article was entitled: "Social Sciences and Public Policies."

Commission Staff Activities

Linda Allain made a presentation on international development issues and the role of Unesco at St. Pius X school in Ottawa, on 28 April 1989. This activity was held during the Ontario Separate Schools Week.

Linda Allain was part of the Canadian Delegation to the General Conference, on 26 October-9 November as advisor for the social sciences programme.

Louis Patenaude, Associate Secretary-General made a presentation on "Unesco, its nature and functions" before political science students at the Université Laval, on 5 December 1989 in Québec.

Francine Fournier participated in the "International Conference on the Future of the United Nations" held at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa, from 5 - 7 January 1990. She presided over the session on "North-South: new trends at the United Nations." Other themes included the historical background, the geo-political changes, financing, policy questions and reform.

On 25 February 1990, Linda Allain participated in the meeting of the Committee of Youth Organizations of the USSR, organized by YM/YWCA Canada, and held in the organisation's building, in Ottawa.

Francine Fournier was named Honorary Patron of the 1990 Canadian "Youth Education" Excellence Prize, an honour which she also held in 1989. The prize was created by Productions Québécoises Pro-Art, a non-profit non-governmental organization.

4.4 CULTURE

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Canada was represented by David Hemphill, Director of the Museum of Vancouver and chairman of the Advisory Committee on Culture, and by Louise Terrillon-Mackay, Director of International Relations, Communications Canada. The delegates expressed Canada's support for the Draft Medium-Term Plan. They encouraged Unesco to continue to cooperate with ICCROM, ICOM and ICOMOS, and repeated Canada's offer to host the World Heritage Committee meeting at Banff in 1990, and the Unesco International Colloquium on the Management of Heritage Cities in Quebec City in 1991.

With regard to the World Decade for Cultural Development, Canada accepted the motion by the Secretariat to establish an international programme, and expressed interest in participating in several of the projects planned under this programme. Canada stressed the importance it attributes to the status of the artist, and expressed its intention of participating in workshops on measures to prevent illicit trade in cultural properties.

The recommendation for the protection of folklore was adopted. The recommendation for the protection of works in the public domaine was carried over to the next session. In both cases, Canada joined the consensus.

Meetings of Unesco Intergovernmental Committees

The International Committee for the Promotion of the Return of Cultural Properties to their Countries of Origin or for their Restitution in the Case of Illegal Appropriation met in Paris from 24 to 27 April 1989. David Walden, manager of the Movable Cultural Property programme, Communications Canada, represented Canada. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the work of the committee. The questions of illicit trade in cultural properties in the context of the open-border Europe of 1992, and of the effect on the committee of the budgetary restrictions facing Unesco were also studied. Canada was elected to this committee at the General Conference of 1987 and its term ends in 1991.

The World Heritage Committee held its 13th meeting in Paris from 11 to 15 December 1989. Canada was represented by James D. Collinson, Assistant Deputy Minister (Parks), Environment Canada. Christina Cameron, Director-General of National Historic Parks and Sites in the same department, was also a member of the delegation. Among other matters, the committee worked on revising the registration and request for international assistance form, and reviewed the criteria for registering properties on the world heritage list. It also studied requests to register cultural and natural properties on the world heritage list and on the world heritage endangered list. Canada was elected to this committee in 1987 and its term ends in 1991.

Unesco Intergovernmental Experts Meeting

Canada was represented by Guy Landry, Director-General of Folklore Canada International, at an intergovernmental experts' meeting to polish the text of a draft recommendation for the protection of folklore. This meeting was held in Paris from 24 to 28 April 1989. The text was adopted by the 25th session of the General Conference in the fall of 1989. Mr. Landry received a grant from the Commission to attend this meeting.

Unesco Experts Meetings

An international seminar on training programmes for the use of new technologies in works of artistic creation was held at the Université du Québec à Montréal from 12 to 16 June 1989. Forty artists and university professors from 10 countries (Argentina, Austria, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Mexico, the Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela) in addition

to Canada attended this seminar. The seminar was organized by Unesco with the cooperation of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), the ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Science du Québec, and Communications Canada. The purpose of the meeting was to study the use of new technologies in training programmes for artists and to make recommendations. The Secretary-General of the Commission delivered an introductory speech at this meeting.

John Gordon of Statistics Canada took part in a Unesco consultation on statistics and indicators in the areas of culture and communications in Paris, from 20 to 22 September 1989. The meeting was held in the context of the Unesco statistics programme and had the following objectives: to make a critical assessment of the Unesco programme as it relates to data collecting; to make recommendations on how data could be better adapted to the needs of users; and to determine new areas where Unesco's activities could be expanded. Mr. Gordon received a grant from the Commission to attend this meeting.

Wayne Zelmer, an architect from Regina, attended an experts' meeting on the theme "youth and heritage" at Unesco, from 27 November to 1 December 1989. Mr. Zelmer made a presentation on the preparation and distribution of educational material. The purpose of the meeting was to improve methods for training young people in conservation techniques. Mr. Zelmer received a grant from the Commission to attend this meeting.

Meetings of the Advisory Committee on Culture

The Advisory Committee on Culture of the Canadian Commission for Unesco met three times during the year. The first meeting was held at the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay, British Columbia on 6 and 7 May 1989, at the invitation of Gloria Cranmer-Webster, conservator of the Centre and a member of the committee. The Draft Medium-Term Plan and the Draft Programme and Budget were studied with reference to the upcoming General Conference.

The committee met with governmental experts on 24 July 1989, to prepare recommendations for the Department of External Affairs on the Draft Medium-Term Plan and the Draft Programme and Budget.

A third meeting of the committee took place in Montreal, on 13 and 14 December 1989. Most of the discussion centred on the 25th session of the General Conference and on the cultural programme it adopted.

John Meisel retired from the Advisory Committee on Culture in December 1989.

Joint Study of the Europe Region

The final meeting of the Joint Study on the Role of Communication in the Cultural Development of Rural Areas was held at Memleben, in the German Democratic Republic, from 12 to 16 March 1990. The Canadian Commission for Unesco had been coordinating this study since its inception in 1983. The committee chairperson was Charles Feaver, chief political advisor of the Manitoba Bureau of Telecommunications Policy. The results of the study were recently published with Commission support under the title "Villages, quels espoirs?" (Is there a future for villages?). The translation of this document into English is underway with the support of the Canadian Commission. The Memleben meeting studied the possibility of producing an audio-visual document to disseminate the results of the study.

Mr. Feaver, Olga Jurgens and Jan D'Arcy of the National Film Board represented the Commission at this meeting.

Questionnaires

The Commission replied to two Unesco questionnaires dealing with staff training in cultural development and with the current state and trends in cultural policy in Unesco Member States. Susan Annis, President of the Ottawa Arts Centre Foundation, and from 1983 to 1988 president of the City of Ottawa Arts Council, was charged with preparing the answers to these questionnaires.

The National Library of Canada has answered the request made by Unesco for bibliographical details of translated books published in Canada in 1989. This information will be contained in the publication "Index Translationum, Volume 42", now in preparation by Unesco.

Meetings of International Non-Governmental Organizations in Canada

The International PEN Club met first in Toronto then in Montreal from 25 to 29 September 1989. On 28 September in Montreal, the Canadian Commission hosted a luncheon in honour of the participants. Guy Bourgeault, President of the Commission, presided at the luncheon, and Madeleine Gobeil, Head of Unesco's Arts Promotion Section, spoke on behalf of the Director-General.

The International Association of Hispanists held its International Congress in Quebec City in May 1989. Viviane Launay, Vice-President of the Commission, spoke at the Congress on the World Decade for Cultural Development. The Canadian Commission made a grant to the Canadian Association of Hispanists.

Visits to Canada

Tereza Wagner de Reyna of the Arts Promotion Section represented the Director-General at an international seminar on training programmes involving the use of new technology in works of artistic creation. The seminar was held at the University of Quebec in Montreal, from 25 to 29 June 1989.

Madeleine Gobeil, Head of the Arts Promotion Section, represented the Director-General of Unesco at a luncheon offered by the Canadian Commission for Unesco, on the occasion of a meeting of the International PEN Club in Montreal, on 28 September 1989.

Training Courses

The International Centre for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments (ICCROM) in Rome has for several years been organizing training courses in cooperation with Unesco. Robin Letellier, Head of the Heritage Recording Services Section of Parks Canada, gave a course at ICCROM in February 1990 on the recording of cultural property. Mr. Letellier received a grant from the Commission for this purpose.

Susan Algie, of the Canadian Parks Service, Environment Canada, was on a training course in architectural conservation at ICCROM, from 17 January to 1 June 1990. Ms. Algie received a grant from the Commission for this purpose.

Other Activities

At the request of the National Commission of the Republic of Korea, the Commission entrusted Lon Dubinsky of Concordia University with a research project in cultural administration practices in Canada. Mr. Dubinsky is a member of the Advisory Committee on Culture.

Dinu Bumbaru, Director General of Héritage Montréal, took part in a symposium organized by ICCROM at Ferrare in Italy on training programmes in architectural conservation. The purpose of Mr. Bumbaru's participation was to further the development of the master's programme in architectural renovation, restoration and recycling established in 1987 by the School of Architecture of the University of Montreal. Mr. Bumbaru received a grant from the Commission for this purpose.

Gilles Lefebvre, Honourary life President of the Fédération internationale des jeunesses musicales, received a grant from the Commission to enable him to attend the International Meeting of Jeunesses musicales held in Italy, from 5 to 8 July 1989. This international non-governmental organization has a consultative status category 'B' with Unesco.

Mary Sparling, a member of the Advisory Committee on Culture and of the Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development, attended the 15th General Conference of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), held at the Hague in the Netherlands, from 27 August to 6 September 1989. Ms. Sparling received a grant from the Commission for this purpose.

4.5 COMMUNICATION

Introduction

The communication programme of Unesco has emerged from its period of reorientation with a clear mandate for the development of communication capabilities as well as a commitment to the free flow of ideas by word and image. As in the recent past, the main vehicle for development activities is the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) which is enjoying growing support.

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Thomas McPhail, Director, Graduate Program in Communication Studies of the University of Calgary and President of the Advisory Committee on Communication of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, and Louise Terrillon MacKay, Director, International Cultural Affairs of Communications Canada, represented Canada.

A large portion of the intervention dealt with the text drafted by the Executive Board to replace the original chapter of the Draft Third Medium Term Plan and the text proposed by the Director-General in response to the Executive Board's proposal. The Canadian Delegation expressed its support for the Director-General's document. Canada also addressed the following items:

- expression of strong support for the efforts undertaken by Unesco to enhance the freedom of the press, the principles of freedom of opinion and the free flow of information;

- recognition of the disparities which exist between industrialized and developing countries in the availablility of media and information technologies, and support for attempts in improving the situation, and in particular, support for the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC);

- proposal to conduct an analysis of the major issues that could affect the exchange of information among countries.* In cooperation with experts from different regions, a case study could be undertaken to examine the moral and legal aspects of information exchange in the field of heritage, by means of the new communication technologies.

* This proposal has been integrated in the Unesco Programme for 1990-1991 and is called "Study on issues affecting the exchange among countries."

Meetings of the Advisory Committee on Communication

On 6 July 1989, the members of the Advisory Committee on Communication and other specialists in the field participated in a consultation in preparation for the Unesco General Conference. Alan Hancock, Director, Division of Communication Development and Free Flow of Information, Unesco, was present.

The Advisory Committee on Communication held a meeting at the Université du Québec à Montréal, 15 September 1989. Among other subjects, Canadian participation in the Unesco programme was discussed, in particular, participation in the IPDC (International Programme for the Development of Communication) and in COMNET (International Network of Documentation Centres on Communication Research and Policies).

Other Meetings

Thomas McPhail, Director, Masters of Communications Studies Program, University of Calgary, and Chair of the Advisory Committee on Communication of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, was invited, in September 1989, along with other specialists from different regions of the world, to meet with the Director-General of Unesco, Federico Mayor, to discuss communication issues in preparation for the General Conference.

Two Canadians, Spencer Moore, Secretary-General of the North American National Broadcasters Association and Paddy Sherman, President of the Southam Group, participated in the 27-28 February 1990 meeting organized by Unesco, to promote the emergence of free and independent media in Eastern Europe.

Questionnaires

Questionnaire on Statistics of the Press in 1987 and 1988

Statistics Canada has replied to a Unesco questionnaire for the Statistics on newspapers and periodicals. The data collected will be published in the Unesco Statistical Yearbook, the United Nations Statistical Yearbook and other publications.

Visits to Canada

Alan Hancock, Director, Division of Communication Development and Free Flow of Information, Unesco, visited Ottawa on 5 and 6 July 1989. Mr. Hancock met with Canadian International Development Agency staff and the media.

Jose F. Silvio of the Unesco Regional Centre for Higher Education for Latin America and the Caribbean participated in the Annual Conference of the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education, held in Hull, 17-20 October 1989.

Morten Giersing, Chief of the Section of Free Flow of Information and Communication Research represented Unesco at a preparatory meeting for the 1989 McLuhan Teleglobe Canada Award on 21 August 1989. Mr. Giersing represented Unesco again at the McLuhan Teleglobe Canada Award presentation ceremony, held in Montreal on 7 December 1989.

Other Activities

Within the framework of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), Unesco contributed support to the Journées du cinéma africain to enable three African women film producers to attend the seminar, Images de la femme which was held during the festival.

Commission Staff Activities

Linda Allain attended the Annual Conference of the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education, held in Hull, 17-20 October 1989. The theme of the conference was Communication, Culture and Human Resources Development.

4.6 GENERAL INFORMATION PROGRAMME

Introduction

The General Information Programme (PGI) provides a focus for Unesco's activities in specialized information, documentation, libraries and archives. In the new Medium-Term Plan for 1990-1995, the General Information Programme of Unesco has been made a transverse programme, with extended responsibilities for providing technical support to information services in other Unesco major programme areas, and an additional role with respect to the clearing-house, which will aim at coordinating, harmonizing and gradually forging its many-fold information services into a single housewide clearing-house.

At the 25th General Conference of Unesco in October-November 1989, Canada was elected a member of the Unesco Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Programme. Marianne Scott, National Librarian of Canada will represent Canada on this Intergovernmental Council of 30 members which is responsible for guiding the conception and planning of the Programme.

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Jean-Pierre Wallot, National Archivist, and Suzanne Richer, Director, Banque internationale d'information sur les états francophones (BIEF), Secretary of State of Canada, were members of the Canadian Delegation to the 25th Session of the General Conference of Unesco, which was held in Paris in October and November 1989.

Mr. Wallot expressed Canada's position with regard to Unesco's General Information Programme and "Clearinghouse". In his presentation, he emphasized the remarkable achievements of the General Information Programme and expressed Canada's satisfaction with regard to its new transverse programme infrastructure. He also praised the efforts made by Unesco towards rationalization and coordination in developing the current programme. He announced that Canada will make available to Unesco its terminology bank, TERMIUM, in the compact disc version, to assist the PGI in fine-tuning the translation of the tools and documents essential for its training programmes.

He expressed Canada's support for "Clearinghouse", a new element of the General Information Programme aimed at greater coordination and rationalization in the distribution of information. To this end, he announced that the Banque internationale d'information sur les états francophones (BIEF), a Francophone Summit Conference programme initiative being developed and managed by Canada, would lend the services of a documentalist to the PGI to implement the "Clearinghouse" beginning 1 January 1990.

CDS/ISIS

The use of CDS/ISIS, the library-oriented text management software developed by Unesco, continues to grow in Canada. The number of users is now over 150. User groups exist in Toronto and in Ottawa. With the release of version 2.3 of CDS/ISIS, more of the burden of distribution and support was placed on a network of independent distributors around the world. AlterNET Communications Association (Ottawa) has been the authorized distributor in Canada, and the Commission provided funds for the development of a team at AlterNET to be able to offer support to users across the country and within certain networks abroad.

In the past year, members of this team have grown into a separate unit and provided training in Toronto, Quebec City, and Ottawa. One team member, David Dunkley, was invited to discuss CDS/ISIS at a conference -- "Information Exchange for Social Change" -- at Epe, in the Netherlands, from 17 - 23 September 1989; travel funding was provided for Mr. Dunkley by the Commission. The conference was sponsored by Interdoc, a network of documentation centres based primarily in the Third World. Out of this conference, a working relationship has been established with database designers in the Netherlands and Czechoslovakia.

Improvements continue to be made in the CDS/ISIS, and the French and Spanish versions of the manual for the latest release are now available, in addition to the already existing English. Additional utilities -- for example, modules for authority files and circulation management in libraries -- are being developed by secondary sources.

Experts Meetings

First Meeting of the Unesco Common Communication Format (CCF) Users, Geneva, 17 - 20 April 1989

The Canadian delegation at this Unesco meeting was composed of the following persons: Richard Newman, Chief Executive Officer, UTLAS International Canada Inc., presented a paper entitled "The Unesco/UTLAS Common Communication Format Conversion Project".

Suzanne Richer, Director, Banque internationale d'information sur les États francophones (BIEF), Secretary of State of Canada, presented a paper entitled "The CCF in BIEF".

Peter Simmons, professor, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of British Columbia, presented two papers entitled: "A Computer Program for Bibliographic Record Conversion: The CCF Converter" and "Planning the Conversion of UNIMARC Records to CCF".

Also attended this meeting as observers: Céline Lefebvre-Turcotte, Banque internationale d'information sur les États francophones, Secretary of State of Canada and Robert Valantin, Associate Director, Information Sciences, International Development Research Centre.

Other Meetings

A consultation in preparation for the Unesco General Conference was held on 1 August 1989 on the General Information Programme and Clearinghouse. Participants in this consultation were from the field of information science.

Questionnaires

Public Archives of Canada responded in 1989 to a Unesco statistical questionnaire on archives in 1987. In the case of provincial and territorial archives, they consolidated, into one single reply, the data submitted by the institutions from Alberta, Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Yukon.

The purpose of this questionnaire was to collect, at the international level, statistics on archival institutions and records centres. The data thus obtained by this survey will be used for publication

in the Unesco Statistical Yearbook, the United Nations Statistical Yearbook and other publications.

Other Activities

Peter John Bower, Archivist for Manitoba, was awarded a Unesco contract as consultant on records management with the National Archives of Nigeria.

Publications

Georges Cartier, Director-General of the National Library of Quebec and former Director of Arts and Letters in the Quebec Ministry of Cultural Affairs, published an article in the May 1989 issue of the Unesco Courier. The article was entitled: "Libraries to the Rescue."

Commission Staff Activities

Aline Sigurdson, Officer responsible for Intersectoral Programmes and Special Projects, attended the 44th Annual Conference of the Canadian Library Association in Edmonton from 22 - 24 June 1989. The theme of the conference was "Choice Making: Risk Taking".

Aline Sigurdson was at the Unesco General Conference from 16 - 28 October 1989, to participate in the work of Commission I: General Information Programme and "Clearinghouse" and in the preparations for the announcement of the name of the winner of the 1989 McLuhan Teleglobe Award.

4.7 PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Introduction

Unesco has been playing a prominent role in the promotion of peace and human rights as well as in education for peace and human rights. Although peace and human rights is not a transverse theme in the strict sense, as are the status of women and youth, activities relating to its promotion are to be found in all the major programme areas as it is one of the fundamental goals of the organization.

25th Session of the General Conference of Unesco

Noël Kinsella, Associate Under-Secretary of State of Canada and Francine Fournier, Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for Unesco represented Canada for this programme.

The following are some of the points made by the Canadian Delegation in its intervention:

- expression of strong support for Unesco's undertakings in the area of peace and human rights and for its efforts in creating a culture of peace;
- recognition of the importance of education in the promotion of peace, international understanding and human rights, and strong support for the promotion of the application of the Recommendation of 1974;
- importance for Unesco of focusing its action not only on the causes of human rights violations, but also on the means that can be used to address them;
- expression of strong support for Unesco's special project for the elimination of apartheid in South Africa;
- recognition of the efforts undertaken to improve the status of women, and expression of strong support for the activities relating to these efforts;
- indication of Canadian interest in participating in a number of activities.

Unesco Experts Meetings

International Meeting of Experts on the Implementation in Unesco's Fields of Competence, of the Covenants on Human Rights, Ottawa, 4 - 7 December 1989

This meeting was organized by Unesco in close collaboration with the Canadian Commission for Unesco who was the host. Justice Walter Tarnopolsky of the Supreme Court of Ontario was elected president. Experts from 15 countries participated, and observers from international non-governmental organizations, as well as Canadian governmental and non-governmental organizations were also present.

The main topics on the agenda were the following: identification of the article in the two covenants which are within Unesco's fields of competence; methods to improve Unesco's observations and remarks on reports presented by States Parties to the Covenants; and, improvement of Unesco's reports concerning progress made in achieving the observance of the provisions of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Other Meetings

Susan Ferguson, Social Studies Consultant with the Toronto Board of Education participated in a seminar for Unesco Associated Schools Project Teachers in the Europe Region entitled "European Environmental Education for our Common Future" held in Lillehammer, Norway, 7-12 May 1989.

A consultation in preparation for the General Conference of Unesco was held on 28 June 1989. Approximately 15 people, from a variety of backgrounds (government, non-governmental organizations, academic, human rights commissions, teaching profession) participated in the consultation.

Kitty O'Callaghan, President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation participated in the European Associated Schools Project Seminar on "Education for Human Rights" held in Kuopio, Finland, 11-15 September 1989.

John Hamilton of the Oakridge Secondary School was a participant in the meeting of Unesco Associated Schools Project Teachers in the Europe Region on "Innovative Activities for International Understanding" held in Hadassim, Israel, 15-22 October 1989.

Questionnaires

Application of the Recommendation Concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education Relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1974)

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada collected the data and published a report based on information obtained from the ministries and departments responsible for elementary and secondary education in Canada. This report, entitled International Education at the Elementary and Secondary Levels in Canada was presented to Unesco in June 1989.

Visits to Canada

G. Kutukdjian represented the Director-General of Unesco at the meeting of experts on the implementation, in Unesco's fields of competence, of the Covenants on Human Rights held in Ottawa, 4-7 December 1989.

Other Activities

The Commission granted a contract to Jean Hénaire and Moyra Tooke for a Feasibility Study on the Canadian Involvement in the Unesco Associated Schools Project. Their report will be studied by the Executive Committee of the Commission.

Commission Staff Activities

On 6 and 7 April 1989, Linda Allain, Programme Officer, participated in a two-day meeting on global education, organized by the Canadian International Development Agency, and held in Hull. The participants were from provincial and territorial teachers' associations, some ministries of education, the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada and various CIDA divisions.

On 26 April 1989, Francine Fournier was invited to address students and faculty at the CEGEP de l'Outaouais on the defence and promotion of Human Rights in the United Nations system and Unesco's particular role.

Linda Allain represented the Commission at a conference entitled "Compensation to Victims of Human Rights Violations: A Canadian Initiative", organized by the Canadian Human Rights Foundation and the War Amputations of Canada, in Ottawa, 29-30 May 1989.

On 26 July 1989, Ms. Allain made a presentation on Unesco to a group of Third World participants in the course on Human Rights, organized by the Human Rights Foundation, in Ottawa. The United Nations Association of Canada also made a presentation.

The Commission was host to the Pearson Award jury on 22 September 1989. The Pearson Award recognizes the exceptional contribution of an individual to international understanding. The Secretary-General was a member of the jury. Maurice Strong was the laureate.

On 29 September 1989, Ms. Allain represented the Commission at a Conference on Human Rights in Africa, co-organized by the African-Canadian Council and the Human Rights Foundation. The conference was held in Ottawa.

Francine Fournier was a guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting of the Defence of Children International, held in Montreal on 8 December 1989. The topic of her address was on "The Defence of Human Rights in the System of International Organizations."

Linda Allain represented the Commission in a meeting on International Human Rights Network in Ottawa, on 4 and 5 January 1990.

Linda Allain represented the Canadian Commission for Unesco at a conference entitled "Towards a Post-Apartheid South Africa", in Halifax, on 12 and 13 January 1990.

On 22 and 23 January 1990, Linda Allain was an observer at the External Affairs annual consultation with NGO's in relation to Human Rights, in preparation for the 46th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Linda Allain attended a meeting of Co-ordinators of the Unesco Associated Schools Project for the Europe region in Berlin, German Democratic Republic, 5 - 9 February 1990. The subjects discussed were the teaching of human rights, international understanding and peace.

Francine Fournier participated in a consultation of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on International Human Rights, on 6 February 1990.

Linda Allain attended a meeting of the Interdepartmental Committee on Human Rights, held on 19 February 1990 in Hull, Quebec.

As a Board member of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, Francine Fournier participated in a meeting of its Research Committee, 5-6 October 1989 and its Board meeting, 23-24 March 1990.

4.8 STATUS OF WOMEN

Introduction

Activities relating to the improvement of the status of women have been conceived as a transverse theme, that is that they are integrated in all major programme areas. This has been Unesco's way of reinforcing its commitment to women's issues and assuring that they do not become side issues, but rather an integral part of the programme.

The activities reported here are those which are clearly specific to the status of women. Activities of a sectoral nature are found in other sections.

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Louise Imbeault, Director of French Television for the Atlantic Provinces, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and president of the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women represented Canada.

The following are some of the points made by the Canadian Delegation in its intervention:

- expression of strong support for Unesco's policy in promoting the equality between women and men, and the hope that this policy will be translated into concrete and sustained activities;
- affirmation that women are considered as agents of change and not simply as beneficiaries of Unesco activities;
- the recognition that a distinction between young girls or young women and young boys or young men must be made as these groupings have different needs. The Unesco programme should attempt to respond to these needs;
- encouragement to Unesco and to the Member States to utilize in their communications, publications and documents, internal and external, a language void of sexist connotations;
- the hope that the goal contemplated in the creation of the transverse theme 'women' will in fact be realized, i.e., that women's concerns be integrated in all the major programme areas.

Experts meeting

Jill Vickers, Director of the Institute of Canadian Studies, Carleton University participated in the "Regional Meeting of Experts to Examine the Way in which Women May Exert a More Effective Influence on the Actions of Public Authorities and Decision-Making Process" held in Oslo, Norway, 5-9 February 1990.

Meetings of the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women

As part of a consultation in preparation for the General Conference, the members of the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women were consulted in early June. A working document was prepared. On 15 June 1989, the Steering Committee of the Sub-Commission, as well as other specialists in the field, met to finalize the consultative process.

The Steering Committee of the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women held a teleconference on 31 January 1990. The agenda included: a report on the General Conference of Unesco, a follow-up to the 1989 annual meeting, the Commission's involvement in a Conference on the theme "Do Scientific Theories Have a Gender?" to be held at the Université de Moncton in the fall 1990.

Publication

The proceedings of a Panel Discussion held on 29 March 1989, entitled "Women, Culture and Environment" was published by the Commission in February 1990.

Commission Staff Activities

Linda Allain, Programme Officer, represented the Commission at Le Salon de la Femme in Montreal, on 17 April 1989.

Francine Fournier, Secretary-General, and Linda Allain, participated in a colloquium on "Images de Femmes" in Montreal, on 27 and 28 April 1989. The colloquium was held on the occasion of the annual "Vues d'Afrique" and attended by African film-makers and producers, representatives of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the Canadian International Development Agency, Partnership Africa-Canada and various universities. The discussion focused on the way African women are presented in American, European and African films, as well as on the participation of African film-makers in African cinema.

On 20 June 1989, Mariette Hogue, Programme Officer (Education) and Linda Allain were invited by the Canadian Teachers' Federation to address a group of teachers from developing countries. Ms. Hogue elaborated on the Education programme of Unesco while Ms. Allain spoke on the activities pertaining to the improvement of the status of women.

Francine Fournier was guest speaker at a meeting organized by the Canadian International Development Agency to mark International Women's Day, 8 March 1990. Ms. Fournier's topic of discussion was entitled "Women and Literacy: the institutional challenge." Linda Allain was in attendance.

Linda Allain represented the Commission at the Symposium on Women's Place in the Economy, 12 and 13 March 1990, organized by the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

The Commission co-hosted along with the International Labour Organisation, a conference by Guy Standing of the ILO's Employment and Development Department based on his study entitled "Global Feminization Through Flexible Labour" in Ottawa, 28 March 1990. John Harker, representative of the ILO in Canada presided over the meeting and Francine Fournier provided the opening and closing remarks.

4.9 FUTURE-ORIENTED STUDIES

Introduction

Future-oriented studies constitute a transverse programme in the Unesco programme as it has been restructured under the Third Medium-Term Plan. The studies have to do, therefore, with all of Unesco's activities. The intention of the authors of the Plan in redefining the role of future-oriented studies in this way, was to focus them on the needs of the Organization and to make them an instrument for forecasting and on-going planning, particularly useful in the preparation of programmes and budgets and medium-term plans.

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The President of the Commission, Guy Bourgeault, who had chaired the working group on future-oriented studies, made an intervention on this subject at the General Conference. He expressed Canada's support for this programme, which is considered to be an essential planning tool for Unesco, and proposed that the Organization look at the possibility of organizing, in its 1992-1993 programme, an interregional meeting of the Pacific Rim countries on future-oriented studies. This meeting would be held in Canada.

Meetings of the Working Group on Future-Oriented Studies

The Commission does not have a formal advisory committee for future-oriented studies. Nonetheless, a group of experts was convened on 12 July 1989, to study the Draft Medium-Term Plan and Programme and Budget, and to prepare recommendations for the General Conference.

The Group met again on 19 January 1990 in Ottawa, to discuss the possibility of establishing a Canadian network for future-oriented studies and a plan of action for contributing to Unesco's programme in future-oriented studies. The Group also examined the possibility of organizing an interregional meeting of the Pacific Rim for the next Unesco programme.

4.10 WORLD DECADE FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (1988-1997)

Introduction

The General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed the World Decade for Cultural Development for the period 1988-1997, and designated Unesco as the lead agency for its implementation. Launched in January 1988, this Decade will mark a worldwide effort to restore cultural and human values to their central place in international development, to place a greater emphasis on cultural dimensions in the development process and to stimulate creative aptitudes and cultural life in general.

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At the General Conference in Paris in the fall of 1989, the Canadian Delegation expressed its agreement with the programme for the World Decade for Cultural Development and its support of the creation of an international programme. The General Conference was informed of the creation of a Canadian Committee for the Decade and of its mandate and activities. Canada also made recommendations on promotion and fundraising for the projects submitted for the Decade, and underlined the importance of maintaining close links with other UN agencies and NGOs. Canada expressed its intention of becoming actively involved in events relating to the commemoration of the Fifth Centenary of "The Encounter between Two Worlds". Finally, Canada expressed its support for the plan of action and strategy for the Decade and also for the importance given to the integration of the cultural dimension into development strategies as well as greater local participation in decision-making.

Intergovernmental Meetings

- Ian C. Clark, member of the Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development, Chairperson of the ICOM Foundation, former Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Canada to Unesco and member of the Executive Board of Unesco, attended the informal consultation on the possible establishment of an International Programme for the World Decade for Cultural Development, which was held in Paris, 4-5 December 1989.

- A meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development was held in Paris, 5-9 February 1990. Lorraine Thorsrud, member of the Canada Council, of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Commission for Unesco and of the Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development, attended the meeting as an observer. The Intergovernmental Committee then made a statement on the importance of its assuming a full decisional role and responsibilities, and of providing support for the creation of an International Programme. It opted to give most encouragement to large-scale, interdisciplinary and innovative projects.

Meetings of the World Decade for Cultural Development Canadian Committee

The Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development met in Ottawa on 10 and 11 October 1989. The Steering Committee of seven members drawn from the membership of the Canadian Committee met in Montreal on 10 May 1989, in Ottawa 27 June 1989, in Halifax 22 September 1989 and in Ottawa again on 24 November 1989 and 15 March 1990. The mandate of the Canadian Committee consists more particularly in promoting the objectives of the Decade in Canada and in developing guidelines for Canadian participation in the Decade - especially to stimulate the nation's creative imagination - and in determining policies and strategies. This year, from the several proposals it has received and studied, the Committee chose to submit 25 canadian projects to the Secretariat of the World Decade for Cultural Development in Paris where an Intersectoral Committee studied them along with projects presented by all the other Member States participating in the programme. The project "International Indigenous Workshop on the Arts" was recognized as "Decade - Activity" and awarded financing. Other projects were recognized as "Decade-Activities" such as the publication of the "World Encyclopaedia of Contemporary Theatre" and of "Families of the World - Family Life at the close of the 20th Century"; also research projects such as "An Evaluation of the Unesco Framework for Cultural Statistics", cultural exchange proposals such as "The Tundia Award" and a number of seminars and conferences such as "International Colloquium on Managing World Heritage Cities", "The XIIth Congress of the International Council on Archives: The Archivist in the Information Age", and the XVIth General Conference of ICOM (International Council of Museums), in 1992.

- The following members retired from the Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development:

- Jean-Paul L'Allier (Co-President). Mr. L'Allier was elected Mayor of the City of Quebec.
- Gerhard Herzberg left for personal reasons.
- Zarin Mehta was named Director of the Ravinia Summer Festival in Chicago.

Albert Millaire, theatre artist, was appointed Co-President of the Canadian Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development on 8 March 1990. Mr. Millaire replaces His Worship Jean-Paul L'Allier. He will work in close collaboration with Co-President Elisabeth Mann-Borgese of Halifax, professor of political science at Dalhousie University's Pearson Institute and Chairperson of the International Centre for Ocean Development, and with some 25 other Canadian personalities on the committee.

Visits to Canada

Gloria Lopez-Morales, programme manager at the Unesco Secretariat in Paris responsible for "The Encounter Between Two Worlds", visited the Commission from 26 February to 2 March 1990. Ms. Lopez-Morales participated in two meetings organized by the Canadian Commission for Unesco, in Ottawa: on 27 February, with representatives of indigenous groups, and 28 February, with government representatives. The purpose of these meetings was to present the Unesco project to commemorate "The Encounter Between Two Worlds" (1492-1992) and to pursue conversations which were begun at the General Conference on the possibility of organizing in Canada an international conference on the indigenous cultures of the American continent. While in Quebec City for a short visit at the Unesco liaison office, Ms. Lopez-Morales discussed the project with Konrad Sioui of the Assembly of First Nations, Ghislain Picard of the Conseil Atikamekw-Montagnais, Gilbert Pilot, Chief of Sept-Îles's Band, and Henri Dorion of the Musée des civilisations, in Quebec City.

Other Activities

Hélène Laperrière of the City of Montreal and the political scientist Daniel Latouche, professor at l'Institut national de la recherche scientifique, (University of Quebec in Montreal), participated in an International Experts Meeting on "Culture in the Neighbourhood - Cultural Animation in the Urban

District." The seminar, organized by the Swiss National Commission for Unesco, was held in Boldern/Mannedorf, Switzerland, from 30 November to 2 December 1989.

Glen Eyford has been mandated by the Canadian Commission for Unesco to implement a proposal which he presented to the World Decade for Cultural Development Canadian Committee, of which he is a member. As a result, a two-day workshop of about 30 experts to discuss the cultural dimension of development will take place in the fall of 1990. The Canadian Commission for Unesco invited representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations to a meeting 14 March 1990 to help plan this workshop.

Publication

The Commission has published a brochure offering a brief description of the World Decade for Cultural Development and of its implementation in Canada.

Activities of the Executive Committee, of the Personnel and of other Members of the Commission

- Viviane Launay, Vice-President of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, made a presentation on the World Decade for Cultural Development to the Canadian Association of Hispanists in Quebec City, in May 1989.

- In September 1989, Gilles Lefebvre, member of the Canadian Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development and Founder of Jeunesses musicales du Canada, addressed the Montreal International Music Festival. The subject of his speech was Unesco's contribution to the field of musical education.

- Lorraine Thorsrud, member of the Canada Council, of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Commission for Unesco and of the Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development, made a presentation on the Decade at the "Conference on Migration and the Transformation of Cultures in Canada" which was held in Calgary, Alberta, 21 - 22 October 1989.

- Gilles Lefebvre, member of the World Decade for Cultural Development Canadian Committee, addressed the Société d'études et de conférences on the subject of the Decade in Montreal, on 31 October 1989.

- Louis Patenaude, Associate Secretary-General, made a presentation on the Unesco project "The Encounter between Two Worlds 1492-1992" to the Foro iberico of the University of Ottawa, on 16 January 1990. The aim of the project is the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the first encounter of people from the two hemispheres.

- Ian C. Clark was keynote speaker of the Global Development Awareness Week, which was held at the University of Toronto, in February 1990. The subject of his address was "The Unesco Crisis and the Cultural Dimension in Development."

- Lyse Richer, member of the Canadian Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development, was the guest speaker at a meeting organized by the Bureau de l'Agence Québec/Wallonie - Bruxelles pour la jeunesse, on 19 March 1990. She spoke of ongoing Decade projects in Canada, and of the Canadian participation in this worldwide endeavour.

4.11 PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

The Participation Programme enables Unesco to participate in the activities of Member States, Associate Members, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations which could contribute, at the national, sub-regional, regional and interregional levels to the implementation of the objectives defined by the General Conference of Unesco. Is is complementary to the planned activities of Unesco. It is considered as an important means for promoting multinational cooperation and innovative work. In addition, activities under the Participation Programme often lead to the preparation of large-scale projects which could then be implemented with funds provided by international funding agencies or by the national budget of Member States. The fields of activity within Unesco's competence in which Participation Programme requests may be made are specified each biennium by the General Conference and included in the Approved Programme and Budget for the relevant biennium.

The Bureau of the Executive Committee of the Commission and the programme officers met on 30 November 1989, to review the requests received by the Commission, and determine priorities. These requests from Canadian organizations, as well as three others from international non-governmental organizations*, were submitted to Unesco by the 31 December 1989 deadline. The final decision on the allocation of funds is made by the Unesco Secretariat in Paris.

In accordance with Unesco requirements, the Commission has solicited support from Unesco Commissions in other countries for its requests of an interregional nature. It has, in turn, supported requests for other countries, including: Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Ghana, Hungary, Kenya, Morocco, The Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Tunisia and Ukraine.

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* It should be noted that requests made by international non-governmental organizations can submit projects under the Participation Programme. This is done through the National Commission for Unesco of the country where their headquarters are located, or that of the country where the project is to be implemented.

5. McLUHAN TELEGLOBE CANADA AWARD 1989

The Award, worth $50,000 and accompanied by a commemorative medal, was presented to Pierre Schaeffer of France, by the Honourable Marcel Masse, Minister of Communications, at a ceremony in Montreal, on 7 December 1989. One of the inventors of "concrete music" and also called "the father of electronic music," Pierre Schaeffer has had a profound impact on the understanding of the communications media and their influence through his creative and theoretical work. In founding the Studio d'essai for Radio d'État française, the Groupe de recherches de musique concrète, and Radio de la France d'Outre-Mer, he was both a catalyst and developer for others, especially in Africa. Not only has he had a profound influence on the development of artistic expression through new technologies, but he has also played an innovative role in the developing countries. In the spirit of the "global village" as defined by Marshall McLuhan, a video-conference via satellite, hosted by Jean-Claude Delorme, enabled the French radio, film and television producer/director Michel Polac to participate in the ceremony from Paris and give the citation. The master of ceremonies was André Payette, Canadian radio and television broadcaster and journalist.

Morten Giersing, Chief of the Free Flow of Information and Communication Research Section, at the Unesco Secretariat, represented the Director-General of Unesco at the ceremony.

A jury of five eminent Canadians selected the 1989 winner from among 28 candidates put forward by 19 National Commissions for Unesco all over the world.

The McLuhan Teleglobe Canada Award was established in 1983, World Communications Year, by the Canadian Commission for Unesco in association with Teleglobe Canada Inc., which is funding the Award.

Pierre Schaeffer made a presentation entitled "Music and Communication" at the University of Montreal, on 5 December 1989.

6. THE CANADIAN COMMISSION FOR UNESCO/CIDA ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (UCAP)

In August 1986, the Canadian Commission for Unesco launched a two-year assistance programme to support modest cooperative projects organized by Canadians and of benefit to developing countries. The programme aimed at increasing collaboration between CIDA and Unesco and affirming support for Canadian involvement in Unesco.

The projects described below were completed during the 1989-1990 fiscal year.

EDUCATION

Indian Operated Schools in Canada and in South America

The Assembly of First Nations was given $4,000 for an exchange programme between Indian students in Canada and South America to take place in the spring of 1987. The purpose of the project was to enable the students to study and compare the formulation and implementation of educational policies oriented to Indians in the two regions of the world.

Literacy Teacher Training Kit

Judith Marshall received $10,000 to produce a literacy training kit for use in Portuguese-speaking African countries (primarily Mozambique). The kit has been compiled by Canadian educators and was based on the findings of a recent study coordinated by Ms. Marshall, which was sponsored by the International Council for Adult Education and funded by CIDA.

Hands on Science

The Ontario Science Centre was awarded $9,000 to organize ten one-day workshops for science teachers in Mexico, on the popularization of science and technology. The workshops, which involved 2,000 teachers, took place in the fall of 1988, at the Guadalajara Planetarium and Science Centre in Mexico.

Educational Administration for Kenyan Schools

An award of $17,000 was made to the International Education Centre at St. Mary's University, to allow it to undertake a training programme aimed at strengthening educational administration in Kenyan schools. The project was a cooperative initiative with Kenyatta University in Nairobi.

CULTURE

Cultural and Economic Development of an Archaeological Site in Belize

Jaime Awe of Trent University received an award of $10,000 to assist the Government of Belize to develop the Cahal Pech archaeological site as a cultural and economic resource and as a national heritage site. The project was also to result in a map and guidebook for use in schools and for promoting tourism.

Ecoarcheometry in Egypt

George Burns of the University of Toronto was awarded $10,000 to continue his collaborative work with the Egyptian Antiquities Organization on the restoration and conservation of archaeological monuments in the Nile Valley. The project included research on the physico-chemical processes threatening the monuments.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Women - Development - Training

The "Institut de recherche et d'enseignement pour les coopératives" at the University of Sherbrooke was awarded $15,000 to host a seminar for African women on the establishment and management of women's cooperatives in West Africa, in collaboration with "Centre Panafricain de Formation Coopérative". UCAP funds assisted with the travel and living expenses of African participants and contributed towards organizational expenses.

Binshwa Women's Training Centre

The International Training Unit of the University of Guelph received an award of $13,000 for the development of a training programme to upgrade the business skills of rural women of the Binshwa Village Women's Consumer Co-operative in the Cameroon.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Youth Exchange

The Jeunesse étudiante catholique was awarded $15,000 in support of an exchange programme between Québécois and Brazilian students. The objective of the exchange was to promote dialogue between Canadian and Brazilian youth on questions of human rights and discrimination particularly pertaining to young women and men.

Children's International Summer Villages

An award of $3,000 was made to the Ottawa Chapter of the Children's International Summer Villages Association for its 1987 programme. The organization brought together 11 year-old children from around the world with the aim of fostering international understanding and friendship through a series of cultural activities and programmes. The 1987 Village was held in Ottawa, July 8 - August 5, 1987.

NATURAL SCIENCES

International Course on Water Management

An award of $7,000 was made to José Llamas, a professor at Laval University. The funds were in support of an international course on water management in arid and semi-arid regions.

Teaching Materials for Students of Hydrology and Geology, in Bamako, Mali

Pierre Simard, a cooperant with the "Centre canadien d'études et de coopération internationale" (CECI), was awarded $5,000 to provide teaching materials for students of hydrology and geology at the École Centrale pour l'Industrie, le Commerce et l'Administration, in Bamako, Mali.

Improvement of Small Farm Animal Husbandry in Tibet

Michael Cowley, a rancher and member of the management committee of the Waterton Biosphere Reserve, received an award of $10,000 for an exchange programme between Canadian and Tibetan ranchers aimed at improving small farm animal husbandry in Tibet.

Development of Electron Microscope Unit, University of Zimbabwe

An award of $6,000 was made to Ronald Whitehouse of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, University of Alberta, to assist in the development of the Electron Microscope Unit at the University of Zimbabwe. Dr. Whitehouse also provided technical training, gave lectures as well as collaborated on research work at the University.

10th International Conference on Chemical Education (ICCE)

A UCAP Commission-sponsored project grant of $7,000 was awarded to the organizers of the 10th International Conference on Chemical Education, to assist with the travel of participants from developing countries. The conference will be held at the University of Waterloo, 20-25 August 1989.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

McGill University/China Medical University Library Project (Training Phase)

An award of $13,500 was made to David Crawford of the McGill University Medical Library, for an exchange programme with the China Medical University in Shenyang, China. The funds were used to bring the Director and an intern from the China Medical University Library to Canada, for training at McGill during 1988.

7. PUBLIC INFORMATION

In 1989-90, approximately 75 articles dealing with Unesco or referring to Unesco in one way or another appeared in various Canadian newspapers, including Le Devoir, The Globe and Mail, La Presse, Le Droit, The Winnipeg Free Press and a number of specialized reviews.

The Director-General of Unesco, Federico Mayor, was interviewed by Radio Canada F.M. for a programme entitled "Les industries de la culture" broadcast in February 1990.

Thomas McPhail gave two interviews on the subject of communications and Unesco, one to a writer from the Agence France Presse, the other to a writer from the Montreal Gazette.

Lyse Richer, a member of the Canadian Committee for the World Decade for Cultural Development, was interviewed by Radio Canada International about the Decade.

Guy Bourgeault, President of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, was interviewed by the Montreal television station Télémétropole on Unesco's role in education as the year 2000 approaches. The programme, marking the 25th anniversary of the Ministry of Education of Québec, was broadcast in February 1990.

Louis Patenaude, Associate Secretary-General, was interviewed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on the work of the General Conference related to the subject of communication (November 1989).

A letter by Francine Fournier on the reform process in Unesco was published on the editorial page of the Winnipeg Free Press on 13 May 1989.

Distribution and Sale of Publications

- Report of the 30th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, 1-4 June 1988, Yellowknife
- Transcripts and Texts of Addresses presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, 1988, Yellowknife
- Press Review of the 30th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, 1988, Yellowknife
- Report of the 31st Annual Meeting of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, 29-31 March 1989, Ottawa
- Transcripts and Texts of Addresses presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Canadian Commission for Unesco, 1989, Ottawa
- Report of the Secretary-General 1988-1989
- Panel Discussion organized by the Sub-Commission on the Status of Women on "Women, Culture and Environment", Ottawa, 29 March 1989
- The Role of National Commissions for Unesco: The Canadian Experience, June 1989.
- Meet the Director-General of Unesco Federico Mayor Zaragoza.
- Unesco Film Catalogue, "The Preservation of our Cultural Heritage: A Catalogue of Unesco Films and Videos and New Unesco Films and Videos" (in cooperation with the Canadian Film Institute)
- Reports of Unesco meetings are available on request.

Reports of the Commission are sold by Renouf Publishing Company Ltd.

54	Native Broadcasting in the North of Canada. May 1988. 55 pp.	$8.00
53	Art and New Media. December 1986. 35 pp.	$8.00
52	Public Participation and the Educational Planning Process. May 1986. 65 pp.	$8.00
51	Learning in Society: toward a new paradigm. May 1984. 120 pp.	$8.00
50	Canada and Unesco - a working partnership. April 1985. 144 pp.	$10.00
49	The Newfoundland Coastal Zone and Its Influence on Community Development. March 1985. (Bilingual) English, 59 pp., French, 61 pp.	$8.00
48	Understanding 1984. November 1984. (Bilingual) 330 pp.	$15.00
46	The United States and Unesco. November 1984. (Bilingual) English, 36 pp., French 38 pp.	$8.00
45	Strategies for Power: Methods and means by which women can become participants in making public policies. June 1984. (Bilingual) English, 56 pp., French, 62 pp.	$8.00
42	Adult Illiteracy in Canada - A Challenge. Summer 1983. 143 pp.	$10.00
35	Symposium on Improving the Contribution of the Mass Media to Adult Education. February 1980. (Bilingual) English, 20 pp., French, 20 pp.	$4.00

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Film Library

The Canadian Commission for Unesco holds a collection of Unesco films which is administered by the Canadian Film Institute, on a contract basis.

The collection includes approximately 80 titles dealing with various aspects of the work of Unesco. Of these, 55 are available both in English and in French, 19 in English only and 6 in French only. There is an additional collection of 26 films on the preservation of the world heritage. Twenty-three titles are available in English and in French, one in English only and two in French only.

Documentation Centre

The Commission's documentation centre includes Unesco publications, a photo library, slide collections, and other Unesco documents, including its agreements and recommendations. Some material is available on request; other items are for reference only.

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STAFF CHANGES
from 1 April 1989 to 31 March 1990

A new permanent position was created at the Commission, that of programme officer for the World Decade for Cultural Development. Three new positions were added to the Commission's staff for a minimum period of two years to handle programmes and activities related to the International Year of Literacy. The positions are: senior programme officer, programme officer, and secretary.

Doranne Fleury, formerly Executive Secretary at the Canadian Museums Association, joined the Commission on 17 April 1989 as Secretary to the Secretary-General.

Linda Brassard assumed the duties of Secretary to the Programme Officer for Culture, Communication and Future-Oriented Studies on 14 August 1989.

Rowan Shirkie, Senior Information Officer, left the Commission on 8 September 1989, to pursue a new career in Edmonton, Alberta.

Dawn Conway, Programme Officer for Natural Sciences and MAB left the Commission on 29 September 1989, to take up the position of Director of International Programs at the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

Jim Birtch, of Parks Canada, has fulfilled the duties of Programme Officer responsible for Natural Sciences and the administration of the Canada/MAB Committee since November 1989. He remains on loan to the Commission from Parks Canada until 31 May 1990.

Olga Jurgens, Programme Officer for Culture retired from the Commission in December 1989 after 23 years of service.

Monique Noël, Secretary to the Associate Secretary-General and to the Programme Officer for Social Sciences, Human Rights, Status of Women, International Development and Youth left the Commission on 19 January 1990, to take up a position in the Communications Section of the Canada Council.

Ineke Giorgi, Secretary to the Programme Officer responsible for Intersectoral Programmes and Special Projects assumed the duties of Secretary to the Associate Secretary-General and to the Programme Officer for Social Sciences, Human Rights, Status of Women, International Development and Youth on 22 January 1990.

Louise L. Trahan joined the Commission as Programme Officer for the World Decade for Cultural Development on 29 January 1990.

Elaine Blais joined the Commission on 1 February 1990, to take over the duties of Secretary to the Programme Officer responsible for Intersectoral Programmes and Special Projects.

Brad Munro, Acting Director, Fed/Prov/Ter Relations, in the National Literacy Secretariat of the Department of the Secretary of State, has been seconded to the Commission, as of 1 February 1990 for a two-year period, to assume the duties of officer responsible for the International Literacy Year.

APPENDICES

THE CHARTER OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO

Preamble

Whereas the purpose of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as assigned to it by its Constitution, is 'to contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms which are affirmed for the peoples of the world, without distinction of race, sex, language or religion, by the Charter of the United Nations',

Whereas it is essential, if the Organization is to achieve this purpose, that in each Member State it should have the active support of the intellectual and scientific communities and the co-operation of the population,

Considering the framework provided by Article VII of the Constitution, which stipulates to this end that 'each Member State shall make such arrangements as suit its particular conditions for the purpose of associating its principal bodies interested in educational, scientific and cultural matters with the work of the Organization, preferably by the formation of a National Commission broadly representative of the Government and such bodies',

Whereas National Commissions, established under Article VII of the Constitution, are helping in an effective way to make Unesco's objectives better known, broaden its range of influence and promote the execution of its programme, by involving the intellectual and scientific communities of their respective countries in this work,

Whereas the General Conference, on various occasions and particularly at its nineteenth session, has emphasized the need to associate Member States, through their National Commissions, more closely with the formulation, implementation and evaluation of the Organization's programmes, and has recommended that National Commissions be strengthened as advisory, liaison, information and executive bodies and that co-operation between National Commissions be furthered at the subregional, regional and interregional levels,

The General Conference, meeting in Paris at its twentieth session, this twenty-seventh day of November 1978 approves the present Charter of National Commissions for Unesco.

Article I. Purpose and functions

1. The function of National Commissions is to involve in Unesco's activities the various ministerial departments, agencies, institutions, organizations and individuals working for the advancement of education, science, culture and information, so that each Member State may:
   a) contribute to the maintenance of peace and security and the common welfare of mankind by participating in the activities of Unesco which aim to advance the mutual knowledge and understanding of peoples, give fresh impulse to popular education and to the spread of culture, and preserve, increase and diffuse knowledge;

   b) play an ever-increasing role in Unesco's work, and particularly in the formulation and execution of its programmes.

* As approved in resolution 7/42 adopted by the General Conference of Unesco at its twentieth session.

2. For this purpose, National Commissions:
   a) co-operate with their governments and with services, organizations, institutions and individuals concerned with questions within Unesco's competence;
   b) encourage participation of national, governmental and non-governmental institutions and various individuals in the formulation and execution of Unesco's programmes so as to secure for the Organization all the intellectual, scientific, artistic or administrative assistance that it may require;
   c) disseminate information on the objectives, programme and activities of Unesco and endeavour to arouse public interest in them.

3. In addition, and depending on the requirements and arrangements of each Member State, National Commissions may:
   a) participate in the planning and execution of activities entrusted to Unesco which are undertaken with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and other international programmes;
   b) participate in the search for candidates for Unesco posts financed under the Regular Programme or from extrabudgetary sources, and in the placement of Unesco fellowship holders;
   c) participate with other National Commissions in joint studies on matters of interest to Unesco;
   d) undertake on their own initiative other activities related to the general objectives of Unesco.

4. National Commissions collaborate with each other and with Unesco's Regional Offices and centres in fostering regional, subregional and bilateral co-operation in education, the sciences, culture and information, particularly through the joint formulation and execution of programmes. This co-operation may bear upon the preparation, implementation and evaluation of projects and may take the form of joint surveys, seminars, meetings and conferences and exchanges of information, material and visits.

Article II. Role of National Commissions in their relations with Member States

1. Each Member State defines the responsibilities of its own National Commission. In general, National Commissions:
   a) foster close liaison between State agencies and services, professional and other associations, universities and other centres of research and education, and other institutions concerned with education, the sciences, culture and information;
   b) co-operate with the delegations of their respective governments at the General Conference and at other intergovernmental meetings convened by Unesco, *inter alia* by preparing the contributions of their governments to the work of these meetings;
   c) follow the development of Unesco's programme and call the attention of the appropriate agencies to the potential benefits of international co-operation;
   d) contribute to national activities related to Unesco's programme and to the evaluation thereof;
   e) provide a channel for disseminating information obtained from other countries on matters of domestic interest in education, the sciences, culture and information;
   f) encourage, at the national level, interdisciplinary dialogue and co-operation between institutions concerned with education, the sciences, culture and information, with a view to helping to bring intellectual resources to bear on certain priorities for development.

2. Depending on the arrangements made by each Member State, National Commissions may also be expected, *inter alia*:
   a) to assume, alone or in collaboration with other bodies, responsibility for the operation of Unesco projects in the country and for national participation in subregional, regional, or international Unesco activities;
   b) to inform national agencies and institutions of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the General Conference or by other meetings, or included in studies and reports; to encourage their discussion in the light of national needs and priorities; and to provide for such follow-up activities as may be required.

Article III. Services rendered to Unesco by National Commissions

1. In each Member State, the National Commission ensures the permanent presence of Unesco in its country and contributes to the Organization's effort to promote international co-operation in the field of intellectual activities.

2. National Commissions are important sources of information for Unesco on national requirements and priorities in regard to education, science, culture and information, thereby enabling the Organization to take Member States' requirements more fully into account when preparing its programmes. They also contribute to the Organization's standard-setting work and to the orientation or execution of its programme by making their views known when surveys or inquiries are carried out and by replying to questionnaires.

3. National Commissions disseminate information:
   a) to the mass media and the general public, on Unesco's objectives, programmes and activities;
   b) to individuals and institutions concerned with any aspect of Unesco's work.

4. National Commissions must be able to contribute effectively to the implementation of Unesco's programme:
   a) by mobilizing on its behalf the assistance and support of the country's specialized communities;
   b) by assuming operational responsibility for some of Unesco's programme activities.

Article IV. Responsibilities of Member States towards National Commissions

1. It is incumbent upon each Member State, under Article VII of the Constitution, to provide its National Commission with the status, structure and resources necessary to enable it effectively to discharge its responsibilities to Unesco and to the Member State.

2. Each National Commission will normally include representatives of ministerial departments, services and other bodies interested in matters of education, science, culture and information, as well as representative individuals belonging to the specialized communities involved. Its members should be sufficiently senior and competent to secure for it the support and co-operation of ministries, services, national institutions and persons capable of contributing to Unesco's work.

3. National Commissions may include executive and standing committees, co-ordinating bodies, subcommissions and any other subsidiary body, as appropriate.

4. For their effective operation, National Commissions require:
   a) a legal status which is consistent with Article VII of the Constitution of Unesco and the provisions of this Charter and which clearly defines the responsibilities vested in the National Commission, its membership, the conditions governing its operation and the resources on which it may draw;
   b) a permanent secretariat, provided with:
      i) a high-level staff, whose status, and in particular that of its Secretary-General, should be clearly defined, and who should be appointed for a sufficiently long period to ensure the necessary continuity of experience;
      ii) sufficient authority and financial means to enable it to carry out efficiently the functions specified in this Charter and to increase its participation in the activities of the Organization.

5. It is important for close collaboration to be established in each Member State between its permanent delegation to Unesco and its National Commission.

Article V. Responsibilities of Unesco towards National Commissions

1. It is incumbent upon the Director-General of Unesco to take the measures that he deems most appropriate in order to involve National Commissions in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of the Organization's programme and activities and to ensure that close liaison is established between its various regional services, centres and offices and the National Commissions.

2. The Organization fosters the development of National Commissions and supplies them, to the utmost of its ability, with the facilities needed for the discharge of their functions:
   a) by giving advice and making available the services of consultants or members of the Secretariat in order to assist Member States, at their request, to establish or reorganize their National Commission;
   b) by providing training for new Secretaries-General and other officials of National Commissions;
   c) by providing them with material assistance;
   d) by informing them of all missions of visiting Unesco officials and consultants and of any other Unesco activity planned in their country;
   e) by providing them with documentation and information materials;
   f) by providing support for the National Commissions in the translation, adaptation and dissemination of the publications and documents of Unesco in national languages, and assistance in the production of their own publications.

3. Unesco can extend and develop its action through National Commissions by:
   a) entering into contracts with them, wherever necessary, for the execution of activities included in its programme;
   b) providing financial support for regular subregional and regional meetings held by National Commissions for the purpose of discussing common concerns, formulating proposals relating to the programmes and arranging for the joint execution of specific projects;
   c) providing advice and technical support for such meetings through the participation of Unesco officials;
   d) fostering the establishment of co-operative relationships enabling the decisions taken at subregional and regional meetings to be followed up;
   e) providing financial and technical support for the liaison machinery established by National Commissions;
   f) fostering the organization of meetings of Secretaries-General, particularly in connection with sessions of the General Conference.

4. Unesco encourages contacts between the National Commissions of the different regions by continuing and increasing the support it gives to:
   a) meetings of groups of Secretaries-General from all regions to exchange ideas and experiences on specific problems;
   b) interregional collective consultations of Secretaries-General of National Commissions;
   c) National Commissions of one region wishing to send an observer to the conferences of National Commissions of other regions;
   d) joint projects and other co-operative activities undertaken by National Commissions of different regions.

EXTRACT FROM THE CANADA COUNCIL ACT

SECTIONS OF THE CANADA COUNCIL ACT RELEVANT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

5-6 Elizabeth II.

CHAP. 3

An Act for the Establishment of a Canada Council for the Encouragement of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

[*Assented to 28th March, 1957.*]

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

Objects and powers

8. (1) The objects of the Council are to foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works in, the arts, humanities and social sciences, and, in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Council may, in furtherance of its objects,

(a) assist, co-operate with and enlist the aid of organizations, the objects of which are similar to any of the objects of the Council;

(b) provide, through appropriate organizations or otherwise, for grants, scholarships or loans to persons in Canada for study or research in the arts, humanities or social sciences in Canada or elsewhere or to persons in other countries for study or research in such fields in Canada;

(c) make awards to persons in Canada for outstanding accomplishment in the arts, humanities or social sciences;

(d) arrange for and sponsor exhibitions, performances and publications of works in the arts, humanities or social sciences;

(e) exchange with other countries or organizations or persons therein knowledge and information respecting the arts, humanities and social sciences; and

(f) arrange for representation and interpretation of Canadian arts, humanities and social sciences in other countries.

Council to act in relation to U.N.E.S.C.O.

(2) The Governor in Council may assign to the Council such functions and duties in relation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as he considers desirable.

Appendix III

Text of
Order-in-Council
to establish a National Commission for Unesco in Canada

P.C. 1957-831

PRIVY COUNCIL
AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA
FRIDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF JUNE, 1957.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

His Excellency the Governor General in Council, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 8 of the Canada Council Act, is pleased hereby to order as follows:

1. The Canada Council, in conformity with Article VII of the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), shall take steps to establish a National Commission for UNESCO to assist and advise in the discharge of those responsibilities set out in paragraphs 3. and 4. below. In organizing the National Commission the Canada Council should take into consideration the requirements of a National Commission as laid down in the UNESCO Guide for National Commissions.

2. The Canada Council shall provide the Secretariat for the National Commission and shall be the normal channel of communication between the National Commission and the Department of External Affairs.

3. The Canada Council, with the assistance of the National Commission for UNESCO as hereinabove provided, shall assume the responsibility for the following matters:
   (a) Co-ordination of UNESCO programme activities in Canada;
   (b) Canadian participation in UNESCO programme activities abroad including the provision of technical advice and assistance from expert bodies, both governmental and non-governmental, in Canada except as provided in paragraph 4, below;
   (c) Proposals for future UNESCO programmes, in consultation with the Department of External Affairs.

4. The Canada Council, with the assistance of the National Commission for UNESCO as hereinabove provided, may tender advice to the Department of External Affairs on UNESCO matters relating to:
   (a) the constitution, administration and personnel;
   (b) the budget and financial affairs;
   (c) membership and other matters affecting Canada's relations with other states and with other international organizations;
   (d) elections to UNESCO offices;
   (e) nominations to Canadian delegations;
   (f) matters likely to involve legislative action within Canada.

(Certified to be a true copy
(signed) R.B. Bryce
Clerk of the Privy Council.)

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Appendix V

CANADIAN COMMISSION FOR UNESCO BUDGET

	1989-90 Budget	1989-90 Actual Apr-Mar	1990-91 Budget
Salaries & Benefits			
	$	$	$
Staff Salaries-Regular	657,153	607,512	731,233
Staff Salaries-Casual	0	31,730	28,800
Staff Overtime	3,200	805	3,000
Staff Benefits-Reg.	82,408	91,293	104,334
Staff Benefits-Cas.	0	2,746	3,200
Personnel Agency/Wage Costs	0	13,171	0
Total Salaries & Benefits	742,761	747,257	870,567
Operating Expenses-General			
Recruiting/Moving Expenses	0	0	0
Staff Travel	78,000	73,865	71,000
Hospitality	5,000	5,484	3,000
Contract for Service	2,000	0	0
Commission & Committee Meetings	105,000	152,649 *	120,000
Prof. Fees-Legal	0.00	4009.00	0
Prof. Fees-Prog. Assessment/Dev.	14,000	14,155	15,000
Prof. Services-Translation	0	3,177	0
Attendance at Performances	500	422	500
Ref. Books, Subscriptions Memberships, etc.	4,000	3,886	4,000
General Office & Stationery Supplies	8,500	6,755	6,000
Postage/Courier	16,000	23,264	18,000
Telecommunication	16,000	16,507	12,000
Reproduction	15,000	27,755	15,000
Computer Costs	2,000	54	0
Advertising (Human Resources)	0	10,100	0
Office Accommodation	129,000	129,000	129,000
Sundry (Misc.)	1,000	1,594	1,000
	396,000	472,675	394,500
Operating Expenses-Programs			
Consultative meetings	20,000	26,307	21,000
Information Materials Purchased	3,000	2,046	3,000
Information Commission Publications	58,500	52,408 *	40,550
Information Publicity/Photos	8,500	10,253	10,000
Information Advertising	5,000	540	2,000
Information Film Library	6,000	5,000	5,000
Support of Int'l Mtgs in Canada	25,000	35,772 *	25,000
European Joint Studies	14,600	8,619	4,000
Can. Representation at Int'l/ UNESCO Mtgs.	44,900	28,366	45,000
General Program Fund	5,500	15,912	15,000
	191,000	185,223	170,550
Operating Expenses-Man and the Biosphere			
MAB Committee Mtgs./Contingencies	7,000	6,021	10,000
Total Operating Expenses	594,000	663,919	575,050
Total Salaries & Operating Expenses	1,336,761	1,411,176 *	1,445,617

* Net Expenditures

MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The following is a count of meetings held by the Commission's Executive Committee, Sub-commissions and Advisory Committees during the past year:

Executive Committee	3
Membership Committee	4
Nominations Committee	2
Annual Meeting Planning Committee	2
Sub-commission on Education	2
Sub-commission on the Status of Women	3
Advisory Committee on Culture	3
Advisory Committee on Communications	2
Advisory Committee on Social Sciences	1
Unesco Canada/MAB Committee	2
Canadian Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development	1
Steering Committee	5
Future-Oriented Studies Working Group	2

*ACTUAL STAFF COMPLEMENT

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Francine Fournier	Secretary-General	598-4326
Doranne Fleury	Administrative Assistant and Secretary	
Louis Patenaude	Associate Secretary-General	598-4329
Ineke Giorgi	Secretary	
Monique Scott	Administration and Finance Officer	598-4325
Carole Albert-Bélisle	Secretary/Clerk	
vacant	Senior Information Officer	598-4325
Carmélia Quinn	Information Assistant	598-4325
Annette Roy	Secretary	
Mariette Hogue	Programme Officer (Education)	598-4327
Marguerite Currie	Secretary	
Brad Munro	Programme Officer (Literacy)	598-4385
Sharon Fournier	Secretary	
vacant	Programme Officer (Canada/MAB and Natural Sciences)	598-4330
Madeleine Parisien	Secretary	
vacant	Programme Officer (Culture, Communication and Future-Oriented Studies)	598-4328
Linda Brassard	Secretary	
Louise L. Trahan	Programme Officer (World Decade for Cultural Development)	598-4328
Linda Brassard	Secretary	
Linda Allain	Programme Officer (Human Rights, Human and Social Sciences, Status of Women, Youth and International Development)	598-4329
Ineke Giorgi	Secretary	
Aline Sigurdson	Programme Officer (Intersectoral Programmes and Special Projects)	598-4381
Terence Lynch	Secretary	

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